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UP, UP AND AWAY FOR CARNIVAL OF BALLOONS

Report by Jonny Drury

COUNCILLORS and business owners are hoping major events will keep coming to the centre of Oswestry to further boost trading in the town centre.

A two-day balloon carnival is taking place in Cae Glas Park over Saturday and Sunday, with thousands of people expected to come into the town.

It took place at the British Ironwork Centre last year, but this year the event, run by Nightingale House Hospice, with Lindstrand Technologies and Cloud 9 Balloons will be in the centre of the town.

A host of activities will take place throughout the day, and councillors hope it goes down a storm and big event organisers continue bring future things to the town.

Oswestry's mayor, Councillor Sandy Best, is among those hoping the town can benefit from this sort of event.

She said: "I am looking forward to it, it is great to see such a big event coming right to the centre of the town."

"The park will be full of people, as will the town and businesses will very much benefit from this."

"It is going to be massive for us. We have had significant events in the past, but hopefully people will see how successful this is."

"It will really be something we should be proud of."

The balloons will be launched each day at 6am and 6pm from Cae Glas itself.

There will also be a continental food market along with a family fun zone which will have an array of stalls and family activities.

Oswestry's Chamber of Trade believes that this year's event should prove more popular as it is in the town centre and therefore more accessible. Chairman Mark Derham also believes the town will see return business, as people from outside will be attracted to the balloon festival.

"It can only be a good thing, and will show the centre can hold these big events."

"Hopefully the shops will stay open late and reap the rewards."

"People will use the bars and shops, and with people coming from outside the town to the event, we hope there will be an increased return footfall which will provide a boost."

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Tidy idea from members of running group



Runners Claire Herbert, Amanda Bebbington, Kirsty Davies and Vivienne Rees on pick-up duty. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

A GROUP of runners have added a new talent to their athletic skills - Wombing.

Members of Girls on the Run, based in Oswestry, became so incensed at the amount of rubbish they saw as they ran through the streets of the town and out in the villages and countryside that they have started taking bags out with them and picking up litter.

Vicki Evans, one of the founding members of Girls on the Run, said: "We try to think of a

different challenge every month and a couple of the ladies had already started picking up litter on their own run route.

"We all care about the places where we live and where we run and wanted to make a difference." Recently the group held a 10k run in aid of Hope House Children's Hospice and everyone who took part had a goody bag in which among other things was a collecting bag. The runners say that recreation grounds

and well used footpaths are some of the worst places for discarded rubbish. Kirsty Davies said she and her children regularly collected rubbish on The Green in Whittington.

She and other members of the group recently picked up three bags of rubbish in just five minutes. "I just cannot understand why people think that it is OK just to dump their takeaway wrapper or their empty bottle or can," she said.

PLANNING

Railway yard could be turned into new housing estate

AN HISTORICAL railway yard could become a new housing estate.

Residential development land at Llanymynech has gone up for sale for £650,000.

Around eight acres of land at Station Yard in the border village near Oswestry, is being marketed by Towler Shaw Roberts estate agents.

The land is off Station Road, and provides a direct link to the A483 trunk road.

It sits next to the Llanymynech Lime-works Heritage Area, home to one of the country's last three remaining Hoffman Kilns. There is already a modern residential development to the east and west of the site together with surrounding playing fields and a village bowling green.

The main Welshpool to Oswestry road also passes through the village, with the Montgomery Canal linking England and Wales on the doorstep.

Toby Shaw, who is handling the sale for TSR, said: "It is a fairly level site which extends in total to approximately eight acres."

"It was formerly the village railway station and station yard which closed in 1961."

"The site was used more recently as a coal yard which ceased trading in 2004. It has remained vacant since then."

Offers in the region of £650,000 are invited, with vacant possession.

POLICE

Boy, 15, arrested in drugs inquiry

A TEENAGER has been arrested for possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply.

The 15-year-old boy was arrested on Shelf Bank in Oswestry on Wednesday last week.

He was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply and possession of a bladed article.

The herbal substance seized during the arrest was estimated to be valued at more than £400.

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Church leader objects to shooting enterprise plan

Report by Jonny Drury

A BISHOP has lodged an objection to a planning application to create a commercial shooting facility in Mid Wales.

The Rural Housing Studio has submitted an application to change the use of land at Cwm Dwygo, in Llangynog. The land is two miles away from the site of St Melangell's Church.

The land was formally part of a large game shooting enterprise which closed after the estate was sold last year.

However the applicants now want to use the existing facility that is already set up there.

Bishop of St Asaph, The Right Rev Gregory Cameron, has written a letter to Powys County Council urging it to refuse the application.

He believes it would damage the peace of the valley around the church, which attracts pilgrims from around the world.

He said: "Any such permissions would be highly detrimental to the present users of the valley, which include the many pilgrims who come to the valley to visit the Shrine Church of St Melangell."

"As Bishop of St Asaph, the Church of St Melangell is one of my churches, a building which was recently described as the single most holy site in the United Kingdom in a major book describing all such sites across the country."

In a statement on the Powys planning portal, the applicants have said there won't be a problem with noise levels, and that local pubs would benefit from extra trade.

The statement said: "The elevated position and protection afforded by the adjacent woodlands and the existing topography limit any potential noise impact - demonstrated by the existing game shoot on the site, which cannot be heard from the village itself."

"Noise levels generated are within permissible levels, even at the closest property and are calculated at 41db (decibels) in the area of St Melangell's Church, which is considered very low."

"The former game shooting business was a good employer,"

Cascade of poppies honours war fallen



Villagers in Whittington have created a cascade of poppies to honour those who lost their lives in the First World War

VILLAGERS have created their own cascade of poppies to honour those who died during the First World War.

A national tour of the poppy window and poppy wave from the Tower of London has been attended by millions of sightseers.

In Whittington the makers of a new piece of art, the Whittington cascade, are hoping people will go along to the village fete on Monday next week to see the spectacle at the castle.

The cascade was the idea of the Whittington Together group, which was set up three years ago to bring together local organisations.

Chairman Ian Johnson said it grew from the decision to theme this year's fete around the end of World War One.

He said: "We were told making something like this could take about 18 months but we still pressed ahead and put out a call for help in April."

"Through social media and word of mouth we asked people to knit or crochet poppies and the response was amazing."

Mr Johnson said volunteers came forward not only from Whittington but other villages nearby.

"We have even had some poppies sent to us from Australia from someone who

follows our page on Facebook," he said. "Whether people have made one poppy or 100 the flowers have been completed with the same feeling of contributing to something very special."

Volunteers met to wire the flowers onto a hessian backing. Mr Johnson said: "We haven't counted them all but I would say the cascade must contain about 3,500 poppies, some knitted, some crocheted and also about 100 plastic ones made by the children from Whittington School. Each poppy is unique."

The cascade will be secured to part of the village's castle in time for the Bank Holiday fete.

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Have your say on key hospitals discussion

THREE further public events have been announced as part of the Future Fit consultation, including one in Welshpool.

Pop-in question and answer sessions will take place at the Park Lane Centre in Woodside, Telford, on Wednesday next week and The Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool, on Thursday next week.

A session will also be held in Bishop's Castle, bosses have said, at a date to be confirmed.

People are invited to drop in at any time between 4pm and 7pm.

Dr Simon Freeman, accountable officer at Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We are committed to giving people every opportunity to have their say on our proposals, so we are pleased to be able to be holding three more events in Bishop's Castle, Telford and Welshpool."

"We value the feedback we have already received and we are pleased that so many people have found these events to be so worthwhile."

The pop-in question and answer sessions will feature a minimum of two clinicians, plus executive directors from the commissioning organisations.

The consultation will run until September 11.

For more information on how to get involved visit nhsfuturefit.org/get-involved.

Spiritual group to meet up again

MEMBERS of Oswestry Spiritual Centre have their next meeting this evening (Thursday) in the Cambrian Room in the Memorial Hall in Oswestry.

The cost is £3.50. The meeting runs from 7.30pm to 9pm and doors open at 7pm.

Cerris Hulse from Newtown is the guest medium.

Almost £50,000 raised to replace roof at hall

Report by Jonny Drury

ALMOST £50,000 has been raised to replace the roof of a memorial hall that has served a border village for over 90 years.

Llansilin Memorial Hall was built back in 1924, and has served the village on the Shropshire/Powys border and surrounding areas ever since.

However in recent years the roof has had to be regularly patched up, until a professional surveyor told the hall committee that a new roof needed to be installed.

The community rallied around to raise money, and grants were obtained from various organisations.

Now the village is only around £5,000 short of its target.

Committee secretary Arthur James paid tribute to the people of the local area.

Target

He said: "We are only around £5,000 short of our target, which is great and the people in the community have been great. You can't just do it through donations, and we have had good support from three foundations and organisations."

"There is around 1,000 people in the area, but the hall was used for 300 purposes last year from indoor bowls, to the over 60s club, and it is also used by the primary school."

"We are now taking the job out to tender and are hoping that the work will be completed before Christmas."

Grants for the work have come from Powys County Council CRDF fund, The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation and The Garfield Weston Foundation.

Since it was built in 1924, the hall has served as a base for many community organisations, including the local primary school Ysgol Bro Cynllaith.

Many improvements have been made to the premises in recent years including the renovation of kitchen and toilet facilities in 1998 and the provision of an entrance lobby with storage extension in 1999.

Now the job is out to tender, with the target to begin work in the autumn.

and have it completed by Christmas.

Future Fit worries aired at meeting



Mo Clegg, John Penney, Karen Moore, chair of Oswestry & District Labour Party, and Carol Clegg give their view

FEARS over public transport and cost cutting were the main worries of people attending the latest public consultation on the future of NHS services in Shropshire.

The consultation drop-in at Cabin Lane Church in Oswestry saw a steady stream of people who wanted to find out more about the proposals. Health bosses say their preferred option is to close the accident and emergency centres at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford.

Instead there would be one emergency centre at the RSH with planned care at the PRH and two

urgent care centres at both hospitals. Marilyn Jones who lives in the town said moving the planned care to Telford was worrying. "I think they should leave it as it is or have one new, big hospital midway between the two," she said.

Mark Cheetham, medical director for scheduled care, said he saw planned care under one roof as a positive move. "With planned and emergency care in separate hospitals it will mean that there will be far less chance of people having their operations cancelled at the last minute," he said. A number of people attending the meeting were rep-

resenting the Shropshire Save our NHS group, which is urging people to call for the two A&E departments to remain.

Karen Moore, who is chairman of Oswestry and District Labour Party, said she believed that Future Fit was a cost cutting exercise. She said: "We don't believe that this model of care will work in Shropshire. The dispersal of the population of Shropshire is unique. With the exception of two urban centres the rest of the county is very rural and evenly dispersed."

"The problem of transport is a very serious one."

NEWS IN BRIEF

£5,500 raised for good cause

A GROUP has completed a 352-mile bike ride from London to Cologne in aid of a hospital cancer ward.

Seymour Roberts from Oswestry lost his wife Sally last year after her four-year battle with cancer and he decided to take on the challenge in her memory, and to raise money for the Shooting Star Unit at the Wrexham Maelor Hospital. Seymour, along with his colleague at Griffiths Tool Hire, Ben, completed the mammoth ride when they arrived at the Cologne Cathedral.

In total the pair have raised £5,500. To donate, go to justgiving.com/fundraising/seymour-roberts

Fashion show to help cancer unit

A FASHION show in aid of the Oswestry Bone Cancer Unit is to take place.

M&Co will be holding the event at Weston Rhyn Village Hall on August 30 at 7pm.

The evening will begin with a fashion show giving the audience a chance to view highlights from the M&Co Transitional 18 collections.

After the show, people can browse items up close.

Tickets cost £5 and are on sale now in the Oswestry M&Co store with all proceeds going to the bone cancer unit.

Limited tickets are available and will be sold on a first come first served basis, refreshments will be provided.

Golfing day will help out charity

A GOLF day is to tee off for a children's charity.

The charity golf day in aid of the NSPCC will be held at the Henlle Park Golf Club at Gobowen near Oswestry on September 7.

Daphne Evans, the treasurer of the border branches of the NSPCC, said teams of four were invited to enter at a cost of £130 a team which will include 18 holes of golf and a meal.

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Councillor Paul Milner

Councillor in injury unit hours plea

OSWESTRY'S Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) should have longer opening hours to bring it in line with others in Shropshire, a councillor says.

Paul Milner, town councillor and chairman of Oswestry Rural Parish Council, said the area was already suffering with the current closure

of its maternity beds and said he feared that a review of minor injury units across the county could add to lack of services.

In parallel to the Future Fit emergency and planned hospital care proposals, Shropshire's Clinical Commissioning Group has launched

a five-year programme to improve and modernise out of hospital services including MIUs.

Councillor Milner said: "There are always worried when there is a review of a service."

"The Oswestry MIU is by far the busiest in the county, even though

its opening hours is less than in some other towns. For instance it is not open on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon."

Dr Simon Freeman, Accountable Officer for NHS Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said the review was at an early stage.

Financial help available for businesses from council

Report by Jonny Drury

FINANCIAL help for "high street" businesses in Powys that are in receipt of small business rates relief or have seen their business rates increase because of revaluation which took place back in April 2017, is being offered by the county council.

Powys County Council has secured funding from the Welsh Government to help with business rates for high-street retailers in 2018/19.

A crafty idea from knitters

CRAFTY knitters have been putting their skills to good use, making special gifts for dementia sufferers.

The Crafty Knitters group in Oswestry meets once a month to enjoy a social afternoon sharing their knitting tips and patterns with members.

They meet on the second Monday of each month from 1.30pm to 3pm at the senior citizens club in Lorne Street, Oswestry.

Over the summer members have been knitting Twiddle Muffs for the dementia unit at Fairholme. Organiser Angie Mills said: "They're a double-thick knitted muff with items attached so that a patient with dementia can twiddle with their hands. It might sound funny, but they can actually be a godsend for anxious patients, helping to quieten their mind and provide comfort and distraction."

Cllr Aled Davies, deputy leader and cabinet member for finance, said: "There are two levels of relief available. Support of up to £250 is available for businesses with a rateable value of between £6,001 and £12,000 and who are in receipt of small business rates relief while support of up to £750 is available for high street businesses with rateable values between £12,001 and £50,000 that have seen an increase in their liability from April 1 2017."

The relief is aimed at "high street" retail businesses, which would include shops, restaurants, cafes and drinking establishments situated within town and village centres. Businesses that received this relief in 2017/18 have automatically been granted the relief for 2018/19, seeing 377 Powys retailers receiving a share of £128,000.

There are some limitations on the funding available and some businesses are not deemed retail.

"I would urge all town and village retailers to take a look at this, as potentially, it will limit the amount of rates bill for 2018/19. The council will be writing to potential qualifiers in the very near future," added Cllr Davies.

Regional award for hospital



Staff celebrate success at the Meridian Celebration of Innovation awards

OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital has won a regional award for a project looking at genetics to help improve the knowledge and treatment of rare diseases.

The hospital took the Meridian Award at the Meridian Celebration of Innovation run by the West Midlands Academic Health Science Network.

The neuromuscular team, Biobank of the Study of Health and Disease, and sarcoma team at the hospital were also placed highly commended in the advanced diagnostics, genomics and precision medicine award.

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Ex-contractor's warning over former army site

Report by Jonny Drury

A FORMER contractor who worked on decommissioning an army camp 40 years ago has said developers should have scoured the area before deciding to build on it.

Last week it was revealed a specialist team is continuing to survey part of a building site off Artillery Road in Park Hall near Oswestry, where Chartland Homes is developing houses. The site is part of the former Park Hall Army Camp and the search comes after two wartime shells were found at the site.

Celebration event for cricket club

A VILLAGE cricket club will hold a celebration evening to mark it receiving a Queen's Award.

Knockin and Kinnerley Cricket Club will receive the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service tomorrow evening (Friday). The award was created by the Queen to recognise excellence in activities carried out by groups in the community and is considered to be the MBE for volunteer groups.

The Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire Algonon Heber-Percy will be presenting the club with an engraved English Crystal award and a certificate signed by Her Majesty.

Members of the club have already attended a royal garden party at Buckingham Palace in April. Club spokesman Stuart Dix said that while the club performs well at junior and senior levels in the Shropshire cricket leagues, it was the work that their volunteers do in the local community that had been recognised by the Queen. He said: "The club is a major amenity in the area with over 200 playing members, including 140 juniors. It has 50 volunteers who help coach players, maintain the ground and pavilion and raise funds for equipment and other improvements."

Residents have said they issued warnings that there could be ammunition at the site and they have called on Shropshire Council to make sure thorough checks are taking place.

Terry James, who worked for around a month for a company who were paid by the MOD to clear the site, said roofing sheets and asbestos was buried around four feet underground at the site.

He also said ammunition was found there when he worked on the site.

Discovered

He said if developers had scanned the site and the soil before putting an application in, they would have discovered it wasn't suitable to develop.

He said: "It was for a company who were paid to take things away, so they sold a lot of the metal and iron."

"But other things like the iron sheets which had asbestos were buried, and we were told to bury them quite deep."

"It was so they didn't have to pay to take it away, which shouldn't have been done really. I only worked for about a month and quite a lot of people worked on the site."

"A lot of people who remember it aren't around now, but we were told the land wouldn't be developed and it would be turned back to agricultural land."

"If developers would have scoured the site earlier they would have probably decided it wasn't suitable for development."

"There was asbestos that was buried about four feet down, and that could rise to up so it needs to be checked."

Andrew Jones, of Chartland Homes, said a thorough check of the site is taking place and if things are found they will be properly investigated.

Villagers learn crucial skills



The villagers in Whittington learn about CPR techniques

SEVEN residents from Whittington became "lifesavers" thanks to the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club's community project to get as many residents as possible trained in the use of a defibrillator and in CPR.

Working with volunteer Community Responder Effie Cadwallader, the group was put through its paces in the practical sessions where the volunteers had a chance to learn about and to practise resuscitation, cardiac compression and use of the defibrillator.

Public access defibrillator sites are popping up all the time in Oswestry and the surrounding villages in wall mounted boxes

and even "retired" telephone kiosks in some of the villages.

If any clubs or groups in or around Oswestry would like to learn the same basic lifesaving skills and how to use any of the many public access defibrillators around the town they are asked to contact the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary club.

The club meets informally at The Wynn-stay Hotel, Church Street, Oswestry on Thursday evenings.

For more information people are asked to go along to a meeting to hear about the new style of rotary or contact Mike Lade on (01691) 650854 or oswestrycambrianrc@btinternet.com. www.oswestrycambrianrc.

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Headline news that former Montgomeryshire Liberal Democrat MP Lembit Opik is considering a return to politics is probably nothing more than another publicity stunt from a man determined to keep his face in the media.

In June Mr Opik was appointed Head of Parliament for Asgardia – a space kingdom which hopes to have 150 million people living in space – and now he's jumped on the bandwagon supporting a new-middle-ground political party being touted as post-Brexit. He was speaking amid speculation that disenchanted Labour and Tory MPs may join forces to create the new centre party, which he either sees as a possible route back into mainstream politics or just another one of those opportunities to get on a TV chat show.

He is quoted as saying the Liberal Democrat Party doesn't have much traction these days – which might just wind up one or two members from Montgomeryshire. After all Mr Opik managed to lose one of the country's safest seats to the Conservatives as voters tired of his private life dominating the newspapers.

There has been much speculation in recent months that, as Labour and the Conservatives become increasingly polarised, a gap is emerging in the middle for a new political force, bringing together the centrist, 'pro-EU' members of both parties.

They are unlikely to throw a welcoming party for Mr Opik though. Difficult to see how he would find the time to balance his duties as Head of Parliament on Asgardia with the mundane day-to-day responsibilities of a local Member of Parliament – and any thoughts of standing in Montgomeryshire would be highly unlikely.

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Even more bizarre this week was catching a few minutes of Eamonn Holmes and his wife Ruth Langford interviewing a woman who claimed to be having a relationship with a ghost – a relationship which had become sexual.

Both presenters were clearly fighting back the need to burst out laughing, particularly when the lady in question claimed to have joined the mile-high club on a flight back from Australia.

It appears the lady's former (human) fiancé left in a hurry after discovering her claims, particularly that she now hopes to become pregnant with her spiritual lover. The things you see on daytime TV!

By Powys county councillor Graham Breeze



Henry Coxwell and James Glaisher in the balloon



Contract - Per Lindstrand



Brave pioneer Henry Coxwell



Felicity Jones and Eddie Redmayne

Hero balloonist is turned into woman for new film

Historians are concerned over a new film's treatment of a heroic balloon pioneer.
BY RICHARD GUTTRIDGE

HE was one of the bravest pioneers of the Victorian age – but now Henry Coxwell is being air-brushed from history in favour of a woman who never existed.

A new film aims to tell the incredible story of an 1862 balloon trip ending in Shropshire that sent two explorers five miles into the air before a death-defying plunge to earth.

Coxwell and early meteorologist James Glaisher climbed to an incredible 29,000 feet after setting off from Stafford Road gas works site in Wolverhampton – but their journey to the skies almost ended in disaster.

Now a film called *The Aeronauts* is being made about their amazing feat, starring Oscar-winning actor Eddie Redmayne as Glaisher.

However, the choice of co-star has raised eyebrows among historians.

Star Wars actress Felicity Jones, who starred alongside Redmayne in smash-hit film *The Theory of Everything*, was chosen to reunite with him and take her place in the air balloon basket, leaving academics disappointed.

Coxwell and Glaisher were breaking new frontiers when they set off for the skies on September 5, 1862 in their balloon, the *Mammoth*.

They wanted to find out what happened to the water vapour as it rose into the atmosphere. Their work helped the Victorians' understanding of rain.

However, they put their lives in dan-



Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones in a hot air balloon in *The Aeronauts*

ger as the balloon continued to climb higher and higher. The pair estimated they reached an unthinkable 37,000 feet without oxygen, higher than the cruising altitude of jumbo jets.

However, without modern oxygen equipment, experts say both men would have been dead within seconds at that height and put their altitude at a maximum of 29,000 feet – still a world record at the time. Glaisher recorded the atmospheric variables from the temperature to the wind speed before passing out.

But still the balloon rose and showed little signs of stopping its ascent into

a minute but this soon rose to 2,000 feet a minute. Eventually, the craft slowed and came under control and they landed in a field near Brown Cleve Hill in the south Shropshire hills – some 25 miles away from their starting point.

They landed safely in a field and, as the story goes, promptly headed straight to a nearby pub for a pint.

Their trip in the *Mammoth*, which was 55 feet in diameter and 80 feet high, has gone down as one of the greatest missions of Victorian exploration.

Coxwell died in Sussex in 1900, aged 80. Glaisher died aged 93 in 1903.

Instead of Coxwell, however, Jones plays the fictional Amelia Wren in the film being made by Amazon Studios.

Keith Moore of scientific academy the Royal Society, said: "It's a great shame Henry isn't portrayed because he saved the life of a leading scientist. It was exceptionally brave, climbing up into the shrouds."

"There were so many deserving female scientists of that period who haven't had films made about them. Why not do that instead?"

Today's film also has a connection with Shropshire.

The balloon – or rather balloons – for the film were made by aeronautical expert and world record holder, Per Lindstrand, at his factory in Oswestry.

Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones even made a secret visit to the factory to see the work in progress.

Mr Lindstrand said he was delighted when his company won the £250,000 contract to build the vital props. "They are completely true replicas of balloons of that era with hemp ropes and authentic baskets," he said.

"We did 20 print runs of the balloon envelope to ensure it was spot on and made more than one basket so that they could film the crash scenes."

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Time and distance sometimes brings greater clarity of thought when searching for a way through complex issues. And it does not come any more complex than Brexit.

I write this column as returning from South America, after three weeks learning about the politics, people and massive potential of Colombia. But I am not much clearer about where the current discussions between the EU and the UK are going to end up. And I don't feel at all certain that there will be a deal of any sort.

This would be a huge failure by the negotiating teams. What is now clear is that both sides must now take all steps to prepare for 'No Deal'.

I am part of the Brexit Delivery Group, put together by my Conservative colleagues, Simon Hart MP and Andrew Percy MP, one having voted Remain and one having voted Leave.

Like them, I despair when I hear colleagues refusing to accept the EU Referendum result. And I despair when I hear colleagues advocating a Walk Away strategy.

I firmly believe most British people want the Government to respect the referendum vote, and to be as committed as possible, based on sensible compromise, to an agreement both sides can live with.

Certainty

It was certainly good for Montgomeryshire. Many colleagues disagree, preferring something they call a 'Clean Brexit', which they must know is tantamount to 'No Deal'. At present, about 50 MPs are signed up to the Brexit Delivery Group.

The one absolute certainty in my mind is that a second referendum would be a very big mistake.

I can well understand calls for another vote by those who did not accept the 2016 referendum result. There are many people who believe the vote to Leave the EU was no more than a not-thought-through knee jerk decision by the uninformed and that we should have the chance to 'correct our mistake' by voting again.

Let me make two observations. Firstly it's not going to happen. And thank goodness for that.

My second observation is that the British people may well not have changed their minds. They may well be more determined to leave.

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Montgomeryshire MP

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It's time to be proud to be British

WHAT is this I keep "seeing" in the letters page? The "wringing of hands" and "gnashing of teeth" (false and otherwise) over Brexit and leaving lovely Europe.

Where is that UK spirit of independence and fight that has seen us lurch from crisis to crisis over the centuries and still survive?

It is time to sit down, put on some Elgar, wrap yourself in the union flag and review a brief history of these magnificent islands of ours.

1940 was the UK's finest hour when we refused Herr Hitler's invitation. Luckily we had a bloody-minded, Empire-mad Prime Minister who ignored the chattering classes who were all for throwing in the towel against such overwhelming odds. Churchill knew a country that goes down fighting regardless of the odds can rise again.

Brexit can be what we want to make it. If this country can claim half the world while the natives were sheltering from the mid-

day sun then surely we can find our independent place in the world?

Yes I know we are swapping one set of suits for another. Yes we have a House of Lords full of old duffers and a House of Commons full of potential old duffers who cannot wait to retire to the House of Lords, but we should at least be proud that they are our British duffers making the laws.

PETER STEGGLES
Longnor

Dividend claim is populist politics at its very worst

BORIS Johnson recently received a lot of criticism for repeating the referendum campaign claim that leaving the EU would save the UK £350 million per week which could be spent on the NHS instead.

This claim has been debunked by the Government's own impact assessments which show that even the 'softest' Brexit would leave the UK worse off.

The Government has now announced a 3.4 per cent increase in spending for the NHS (still insufficient, expert opinion suggesting minimum increase of four per cent to five per cent is needed). Strange then that Theresa May says this will be partly funded by the 'Brexit dividend'.

This is populist politics at its very worst. There is no Brexit dividend and it is mendacious to suggest there will be.

It is us, the taxpayers, who will pay for this and those poorest off are likely to bear the biggest brunt - with suggestions that planned increases in income tax personal allowances may not go ahead.

Theresa May has drawn criticism from some of her own MPs, including Sarah Wollaston, who tweeted 'The Brexit dividend tosh was expected but treats the public as fools'. Theresa May needs to be reminded that she has agreed to a Brexit 'divorce bill' estimated to be £39 billion.

We will continue to pay into the EU during the transition period up to 31/12/20 (when we will be a rule taker but have no say on the rules - so much for taking back control).

STEVE BOYD
European Movement
Oswestry and North
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Concern for river swans

FOR as long as I can remember a large field near the banks of the River Severn near Cound has attracted large numbers of mute swans almost daily throughout the year to feed on the grass.

On some days there can be up to 50 swans enjoying the lush grass at this location, a most attractive sight.

This year to my dismay the whole area has been cultivated and wheat planted.

The swans have disappeared, deprived of the natural grass field they enjoyed feeding on.

Was it really necessary to replace the whole area with wheat and force a very large number of the river's dwindling number of wild swans to search elsewhere for food?

Not an easy task! Landowners should show more concern for our wildlife.

JOHN TURNER
Yockleton

A train flashes past the station master's house



Back in September 1970, when this picture was taken, Weston Rhyn railway station had been closed for about 10 years. Trains which by then were flashing by the station master's house without a second glance once carried villagers to Chester and Shrewsbury.

Think long term on the future of this railway line

MANY people will miss the sight of the cooling towers that have been such a part of the Ironbridge Gorge once the site is developed by its new owners Haworth Group.

But what of the rail line connecting this environmentally-sensitive area to the Wolverhampton to Shrewsbury rail corridor?

One would think a rapidly growing town like Telford would strive to protect this route for use in the future, even for a light rail system or one that forms part of a cross-town route to Donnington (or beyond) utilising the freight line.

This I realise would seem challenging given current financial constraints, but Telford is playing its part in satisfying the national housing shortage and transport pressures can only increase over time. Many large towns and cities are looking at ways of reviving mothballed lines or opening park-and-ride stations with Government assistance.

It would be a shame if the Ironbridge line descends into dereliction.

MIKE CRUMP
Wolverhampton

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So much for being tough on crime

HAVING read about a teenager who had already notched up two driving bans in 2016 and 2017 and was caught driving without a full licence and no insurance at speeds of 100mph in residential streets, yet again this year I was amazed that he only got a four month youth detention (suspended for 12 months) and 19 'thinking skills' sessions.

Surely a thinking skill session requires a brain with which to think?

Whatever happened to 'tough on crime'?
W I HUXLEY
Reabrook

Planning railway services is not always that easy

THE South Shropshire Green Party certainly seems to have it in for Arriva Trains Wales (ATW), even though it's one of the better performing train operating companies in terms of reliability, punctuality and customer satisfaction.

The Green Party must know that our local rail timetable is specified by the Welsh Assembly but, often after discussions with local user groups, can be tweaked by ATW so long as the result is subsidy-neutral and the amended train paths can be accommodated by Network Rail. It is, to be honest, hard to imagine a timetable planning meeting being attended by current and potential rail users, local businesses and low carbon economy activists, each of whom would have differing, and locally-focused demands, before even considering operational and infrastructure resources.

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The sessions at the visitor centre



Stretching is one part of the sessions offered at the fitness sessions at the British Ironwork Centre



Colin Wright at the sessions



The fitness session starts at the venue

Firm launches new fitness sessions

IT is the accepted and traditional routine for millions of workers in Japan who leave their desks to exercise at the same time every day for the good of their health.

Now a Shropshire employer is offering a weekly circuit training class to its staff – and also to its many visitors.

The British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry has taken up the Asian ethos of providing exercise sessions for employees, inviting experts from the town's Crossfit gym to run a class one afternoon a week.

Company bosses Ben and Clive Know-

Report by Sue Austin

les joined other staff in the tough workout that soon had those involved encouraging each other and laughing – particularly when the warm-up turned out to be a relay on space hoppers.

Rob Walker from Crossfit said keeping fit was a great way to bond as a team.

And he said if people were healthy and enjoyed their time at work, they were less likely to suffer illness and stress.

Clive Knowles said he had taken his inspiration from the Japanese way of life.

"We wanted to look after the well being of our staff," he said.

"It is important to have healthy, happy

staff and it was great to see all ages and all abilities taking part and encouraging each other."

He said inviting the visitors to the tourist attraction to join in was also important.

"I would love to develop this into not only our regular circuit training but also look at having a yoga or pilates in the park session," he said.

"We have such a beautiful park here it is a shame not to use it."

Staff member, Colin Wright, himself a keen cyclist, said the circuit training was an excellent idea.

"Individuals can work at their own pace and ability, motivated by their partner at each exercise station," he said.



Ben Knowles gets involved in the fun

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Crews called out to tackle pub fire

FIREFIGHTERS spent three hours tackling a blaze at a pub.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service crews were called to a fire at the Lowfield Inn in Marton, near the border with Powys, at 8.38pm on Monday last week.

Crews spent almost three hours at the scene after a fire had started involving a tumble dryer and cleaning fluids.

Young carers' treat

A ROTARY club has helped put on a day out for youngsters who care for family members.

Borderland Rotary in Oswestry worked alongside charity Young Carers which supports youngsters who care for their families. They were treated to a canal trip and a barbecue at Canal Central in Maesbury. The club had arranged for Cracker the Shire horse to pull the Countess narrowboat from Canal Central to Aston Nature Reserve and back.

Living life on a high!

A MAN who set up an aerial photography business is capturing images of Mid Wales landmarks to be used by historians in years to come.

Stu Trigg left his job and purchased a drone to set up his business, Dragon UAV in Mid Wales.

Now he captures aerial images for various companies including construction firms.

But over the past two years he has

Report by Jonny Drury

built up a catalogue of images of various landmarks and places in and around Mid Wales.

He wants the images to be used to chart the history of towns such as Newtown and Montgomery, and to be used by historians in years to come.

Mr Trigg said: "When I began I wanted to do it properly, as you see a lot of photographers who buy a camera and say they are a wedding photographer."

"By doing it this way I have been able to

capture good quality images. And by capturing the various images I hope to be able to help people chart the history of Newtown, and other towns and how they have changed down the years."

Mr Trigg has been working to help community projects in Mid Wales, and in this time he has been able to capture images of the famous Pryce Jones building and Montgomery Castle.

Other images have included churches in towns, and Mr Trigg added: "It would be nice if these images were used by people like historians in years to come."



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One in two women and one in five men over the age of 50 experience fractures, mostly as a result of low bone strength. Find out more about osteoporosis, whether you are at risk, and what you can do to protect yourself, by visiting Newtown Library where there will be information available from the National Osteoporosis Society until the end of August.

Hurricane will be on display

THIS year's Welshpool 1940s Weekend will include several elements marking the 100th anniversary of the RAF.

They will include having a Hurricane plane on static display as well as the usual Spitfire.

The planes will be sited on the short stay car park behind the town hall on the Sunday of the event.

Also making up the anniversary tribute will be an RAF 100 themed floral display in the flower festival, a Battle of Britain Exhibition trailer on the Sunday, and entertainers both days in RAF uniforms.

Bringing the weekend to a close will be a concert on the Sunday evening featuring RAF Cosford Band and RAF Shawbury Military Wives Choir.

The Welshpool 1940s Weekend takes place from September 28 to 30.

Families to get cash over care controversy

Report by Jonny Drury

HUNDREDS of families are set for a cash payment after being kept waiting for a decision on whether they incorrectly paid for care of relatives.

In total, 322 families will get a £125 one off payment, after a decision was made on the issue with Powys Teaching Health Board by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

The decision comes after excessive delays in handling claims for continuing health-care funding to be repaid.

Ombudsman Nick Bennett said in a report that hundreds of people who paid fees between April 2003 and July 2013, were still waiting for assessments to see if they were due a reimbursement. Continuing healthcare is funded by the NHS for people outside of hospital who have ongoing health needs – regardless of their financial circumstances or where it was provided.

Powys Health Board runs a pan-Wales scheme which deals with claims from families who believe their loved ones' care should have been funded in this way, as their primary need was for health and not social care.

Sometimes it could cost hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Retrospective reviews have already resulted in thousands of families being reimbursed millions of pounds.

Powys Health Board fully accepted the ombudsman's recommendations.

Chance to have say on show safety



The improvement were made after last year's tragic death of James Corfield

A SURVEY about the safety and welfare improvements introduced in and around Builth Wells during this year's Royal Welsh Show is being carried out by Powys County Council.

Builth Wells residents and show visitors are being urged to take part in the survey giving their views on the improvements, which were introduced following the death of James Corfield in 2017.

Key organisations, including Powys County Council, all emergency services, the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, Penmaenau Farm and Campsite, Wales YFC, local councillors and volunteers, worked together to improve the safety and welfare of people who visited the area during the show.

A new 'Green Route' path from Builth Wells to the Royal Welsh Showground, Penmaenau Farm and Campsite and the YFC Young People's Village was introduced along with a new welfare facility, which was based at the town's former tourist information centre.

The survey is at www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Lib Dems in appeal for Brexit impact assessment

THE Welsh Lib Dem Group on Powys County Council is calling for an urgent analysis of the UK's departure from the EU on Powys.

It also wants to create an impact register to help the local authority and other local public bodies deal with the consequences of Brexit.

With the Governor of the Bank of England describing the likelihood of a No Deal Brexit as uncomfortably high, Welsh Lib Dem Group leader Councillor James Gibson-Watt claims the need for public authorities, such as the county council and the local health board, to prepare thoroughly for Brexit is acute.

He said: "Other local authorities, such as Pembrokeshire County Council, have done an impact assessment of how Brexit will affect that county, I think based on the assumption that an exit deal would be agreed with the EU and a transition period put in place. Even then Pembrokeshire found that the impact would be overwhelmingly negative."

"Powys needs to do the same but also prepare for a No Deal outcome, in which the UK leaves abruptly on the March 30 next year and all trade and interaction with the 27 other EU countries automatically reverts to World Trade Organisation rules, with no transition period to adjust."

"The people and businesses in the county need to know what the likely impacts will be on their incomes, their jobs, the provision of vital public services, the environment and so on. We are in danger of sleepwalking in to a very difficult situation."

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Solar farm extended by five years

PLANNING permission for a solar farm has been extended for five years.

The original proposals for solar panels at Rhosygadfa, Gobowen, were initially approved for a period of 25 years, with an extra six months then allowed so a special aerial could be installed.

A report by planning officers said that permission granted in 2015 required the panels to be removed within 25 years of construction.

Officers used delegated powers to grant the extension last week.

Local resident, Brian Case, objected to the extension saying it was an example of "planning creep".

He said cheap energy was not a planning issue. Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council also objected saying that government policy for solar farms was 25 years.

A report by planning officers said that with construction completed in March 2017 the solar farm was originally to have been removed in 2042.

The applicant, renewable energy company, BayWa R.e., said that the feed in tariff was initially set at 25 years and early solar farms proposals sought to match the period.

The time period was also in line with the standard warranty period provided by panel manufacturers. However the company said that the panels installed were of a high standard and expected to perform for longer than originally anticipated. "It is accepted that solar panels can remain efficient beyond a 25 year lifetime," the report stated.

College wins prestigious national prize

A SPECIALIST college has celebrated after winning a prestigious national award.

The Student Union Board of Derwen College, near Oswestry, won a national democracy category prize in the National Union of Students Awards for its commitment to ensuring that students' voices are heard and valued.

Students at the college for young adults with learning difficulties and disabilities said they were delighted with the accolade.

The trophy recognises Students' Unions that have demonstrated and strengthened their commitment to democratic principles.

Derwen College's learner voice co-ordinator Sarah Laszlo was also named as runner-up in the Simpson King Staff Achievement Award.

The accolade recognises staff members who have contributed to the wider student movement.

Derwen College made the shortlist of eight for the democracy award and was up against mainstream universities including student unions at Aberystwyth University, Bath Spa University, University of Bristol and University of Salford.

Peace envoy Terry 'wrote in his head'

TERRY Waite has revealed he wrote a book in his head during his time being held hostage in solitary confinement in Beirut.

He told The Big Issue magazine that the stories he had in his head due to being a reader helped him cope.

Mr Waite is currently president of the Llangollen International Eisteddfod.

"I had no pencil and paper, but I could write in my head. I wrote my first book, Taken On Trust, in my head," he said. "I was chained up for 23 hours and 50 minutes a day."

"I had no books or papers and no companionship. I slept on the floor. The only way I could survive was to keep myself mentally alive. I didn't ever feel the close presence of God. I felt alone."

"But I could say you have the power to break my body, but my soul is not yours to possess."

Picture focus



Harry Greaves went missing while on a trek in Peru almost two and a half years ago



Harry Greaves was a talented furniture maker with a wide circle of friends



A memorial was made in tribute to Harry for his family to go to and remember him

Harry's family tells of loss they will never get over

Report by Jonny Drury

ALMOST two and a half years ago the Greaves family received the devastating news that their son Harry had died while backpacking around Peru.

Harry Greaves was last seen on April 7, 2016, two days before his 29th birthday, when he set out on a solo mountain hike in the Peruvian Andes.

He was due to be back three days later, but when he never returned a search was launched and almost a fortnight later his body was found at the bottom of a 40 metre cliff.

There was a mountain of support for his parents Simon and Sarah, and their family, as well as an outpouring of grief in the Brongarth and Oswestry area. Later this year will be two and a half years since the tragedy of Harry's death, and his father Simon has spoken about how he and his wife, and other family members have coped in the difficult time that has followed his passing.

Harry's cousin David lost his battle with Motor Neurone Disease in the same year, and another family member also suffered health issues.

Simon said: "It was a year of horror, it was devastating. After Harry had passed away it was a horrible time, and hard to deal with. At that time there was other things going on to occupy us, Harry's cousin David was battling with Motor Neurone Disease. We were supporting our other family members which sort of occupied us."

"Another family member was also ill and it was a devastating time. Then in the winter months it has been really difficult and hard. I think it isn't possible to ever recover from the loss of a child, it isn't as painful now as it was back then, but you never recover from it."

Simon described his son, who lived in Brongarth and moved to Wrexham, as a well liked and well known man around the Oswestry area.

He made furniture for a company in the area, before embarking on his trip to Peru where he had set off along on a three-day trek.

A major search of the area was launched to find Harry, and on April 19 a tent was found and his body was found at the bottom of a cliff.

His body was repatriated to the UK and a post mortem found he died from multiple injuries.

When he was first reported missing, his mother Sarah and cousin Lucy flew to Peru, and an appeal for donations to aid the searched



The loss of Harry has been felt by many

raised more than £33,000. Simon has admitted the support the public showed in the time of tragedy was one thing that kept his family going.

"The travel insurance only paid for Harry's body to be brought back to the UK," Simon added.

"And you had to pay for a search operation, with a helicopter costing £10,000 an hour, so a fundraising campaign began and it raised over £30,000 in the first few hours."

"The support we received for that was fantastic, it was so supportive of people to help for this and it was a real comfort to our family."

Another way that Simon and his wife have coped in the two years following their sons death is through his poems. A book of poetry



A search was launched for Harry Greaves after he went missing in Peru

was put together by his parents, included poems he had written entitled A Life Lived In Love, This Is My Dream and What It Is To Be A Man. Simon said both he and his wife Sarah had taken great comfort from the poems in the months and years following his death.

He added: "His poems have come as great comfort to us both following Harry's passing."

"In the days leading up to putting the book out we put the poems out on Harry's Facebook page, for everyone to see how nice they were and how talented he was." The year following Harry's death was incredibly tough for his parents and his family, but 11 months later the family welcomed a new member. Simon and Sarah's daughter gave birth to a little boy, who was fittingly named Harry. Simon added:

"After what had happened in the year before, it was fantastic to have the arrival of Harry. My wife goes down to Bristol to look after him and his brother, and it was lovely that he was given the name Harry." After Harry's body was returned to the UK and a post mortem had taken place, he was finally laid to rest near to his home in Brongarth.

A memorial was made up and sits at the site, for his family to go and remember him. An event took place in the form of a Yurt Maze Day last year to remember him and his cousin David, and at the same time raise £2,000 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Harry's memory continues to live on, however Simon added: "The pain eases but we still feel the loss of Harry."

i54 extension plans take step forward

A PLANNED 100-acre extension to the i54 business park, bringing in almost 3,000 jobs, has taken a major step forward.

The park is located next to the M54, close to the Shropshire border, and is home to Jaguar Land Rover.

Now plans have been lodged with South Staffordshire Council to extend the site by 60 acres.

It is hoped the extension could provide a base for one large or several smaller employers, with up to 2,700 jobs on site.

The development could also generate up to £600 million in investment. Staffordshire County Council leader Philip Atkins said: "The success of i54 South Staffordshire has been outstanding – attracting global leaders in their sectors and thousands of skilled jobs."

"While we celebrate the fact that these businesses are located here, i54 South Staffordshire has a huge impact across our area."

"It is therefore no surprise about the demand to locate here – and the subsequent need for expansion."

"i54 South Staffordshire will play a vital part in the growing productivity of Staffordshire and our neighbours."

Wolverhampton councillor John Reynolds, responsible for the city's economy, said: "i54 is one of the UK's premier advanced manufacturing business parks. Our joint investment at i54 has secured hundreds of millions of pounds of further investment and has brought thousands of jobs to the area, with 40 per cent of employees living within a 10-mile radius. Demand is high for more accommodation from potential investors and the western extension will enable us to deliver that for the benefit of local residents and businesses."

Pupils get a look at hi-tech world at firm

Report by Sue Austin

YOUNG innovators of the future have been given an insight into the world of business through a visit to Mid Wales-based Invertek Drives Ltd and its neighbouring companies.

Pupils from Llanfair Caereinion Primary School visited the headquarters and global manufacturing centre of Invertek at the Offa's Dyke Business Park at Welshpool, as part of an enterprise day organised by Cambrian Training Ltd.

The children visited other companies in the business park, including Dynacast, Kingswood Framing, Zip-Clip and Cambrian Training's headquarters.

They toured the offices and production centre at Invertek, meeting teams from innovation, technical, sales, marketing, finance and HR departments, as well as directors.

"A visit like this can inspire a child into realising there are a wide range of careers for them to consider," said Dylan Jones, of Invertek Drives.

"They might see business units and factories and just think of them having large machines in them."

Mr Jones added: "But when you can show them the innovators designing our products, the high-tech production centre and the host of people driving our business forward, then you're planting a seed of opportunity."

No time to waste in expansion



Jim Read from Newgate in Oswestry

A CLOCK and watch maker has ambitious plans to expand overseas in the next 12 months after enjoying a very busy 2018 so far.

Oswestry-based Newgate has also set out plans to grow its online presence.

It comes at a time when the business, which employs about 40 people, has seen growth in its clock business in the UK and US markets this year.

Jim and Chloe Read set up the company in Oswestry in the 1990s and has seen the company go from strength-to-strength.

Jim said: "We have been incredibly busy. We've seen growth of our clock business in the UK and US markets this year, both through wholesale and ecommerce. Plus, the growth of our watch division has led to some exciting new international distribution partnerships."

"We have also just launched our brand-new website – newgateworld.com – combining both the clock and watch collections, allowing greater flexibility to customers when shopping the Newgate range. Growing our online presence alongside the wholesale business is key for us over the next year. The internet is fast-changing, and businesses can't hide from it anymore. We want to be at the forefront and make headway in a competitive area with our British brand and focus on quality and design. We also want to continue to expand in the US and overseas proving there are more players in the market than just the Swiss giants when it comes to creative and high quality time pieces."

Jim said among the challenges facing the business are Brexit and recruitment.

"Despite tough economic conditions for UK export businesses due to the weak pound and of course Brexit, Newgate has had a healthy and positive year," he said.

Elated Laura makes it to award finals

A FORMER apprentice who has gone on to secure a full-time job at the trust which runs Shropshire's two main hospitals has been named as a regional finalist in the National Apprenticeship Awards.

Laura Sheldon, executive administrator in the chief executive's office at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH), will attend the West Midlands regional ceremony at the Macdonald Burlington Hotel in Birmingham on September 24.

The National Apprenticeship Awards recognise the achievements of extraordinary apprentices, the businesses that employ them, and the individuals that champion apprenticeships.

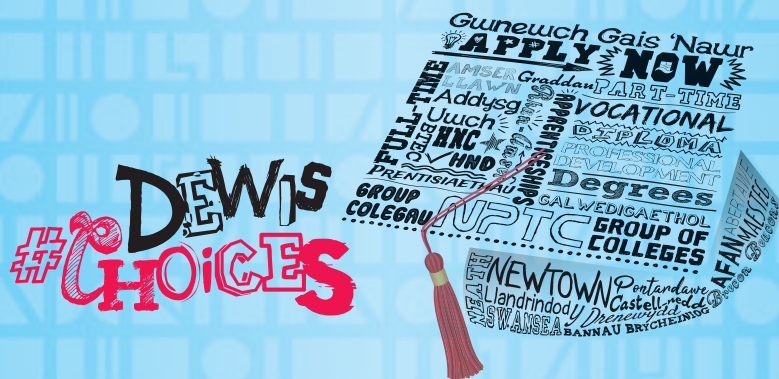
Laura, 20, joined SaTH last year as an administration apprentice, before going on to secure her current role.

She said: "I am absolutely ecstatic to have made it through to the regional final. They said the applications this year were of very high quality, so I am delighted to have been selected and I'm very much looking forward to the ceremony in Birmingham and meeting all the other finalists."

"I thoroughly enjoyed my apprenticeship with SaTH and have had great support since joining the trust."

"I'd also like to thank Sarah Aramayo at SBC Training, my training provider, for her fantastic support and encouragement."

Prior to her appointment at SaTH, which runs the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal Hospital, Laura championed young people's rights in a number of voluntary roles. As a young health champion she worked for several years to engage young people in decision making and giving young people a voice in the NHS.



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14 Referendum 'would attack UK democracy'

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A SECOND referendum on Britain's exit from the European Union would be an attack on democracy, a former Shropshire MP has said.

Writing in the Shropshire Star, ex-Ludlow MP Christopher Gill, who was one of 10 Conservative MPs who had the party whip removed for their opposition to the Maastricht Treaty, which paved the way for the creation of the EU, said: "On June 23, 2016, the British people voted emphatically to leave the EU and any political party that ignores that specific instruction does so both at their own peril."

It comes after a Shropshire Star survey, which attracted 2,000 votes, found 62 per cent of respondents were in favour of going to the polls again.

In Shropshire, people overwhelmingly voted to leave the EU in 2016.

In Telford & Wrekin, there were 56,649 votes for Leave and 32,954 votes for Remain.

In the rest of Shropshire, 104,166 voted for Leave and 78,987 for Remain.

The poll follows a Yougov survey that found 45 per cent of the 10,000 people who took part were in favour of a second referendum, compared to 35 per cent who were opposed.

Views sought on how NHS communicates

PATIENTS in Wales are being asked for their views on the NHS as part of a drive to develop better communication between healthcare professionals and those using the health service.

The One Simple Thing campaign is being led by the Board of Community Health Councils on behalf of the seven CHCs in Wales and is looking for patients from across Wales to give a simple suggestion for improving the way the NHS communicates. Concerns from people across Wales has prompted the campaign and Mark Thornton, Chair of the North Wales Community Health Council (NWHCH) said: "Misunderstandings in patient and provider communications arise from many factors, but particularly from the use of jargon or complex medical terms, or when information is given at inappropriate times, for example when a patient is in pain, is tired or feeling unwell and unable to concentrate.

"We also know that patients can find messages from health professionals providing their care to be ambiguous or unclear. Sensory issues or cultural, language and social issues can all also impact on communication in a health setting."

"Poor communication and misunderstandings in any NHS care setting is unacceptable. Whilst we hear some good examples where new ways of communicating are helping patients, the CHC movement continues to hear people's concerns about poor communication through the work of its independent advocacy service and in its continuous engagement with patients across Wales."

Appeal to join Memory Walk

PEOPLE in Oswestry are being invited to unite against dementia and sign up for the Alzheimer's Society's Memory Walk next month

Louise Arnold, of Oswestry, has seen her family's life hit by dementia which has motivated her to make a positive difference.

She is now asking for the local community to rally behind the cause by joining them in walking 2.8 miles in Oswestry on September 2.

It will take place at Cae Glas Park from 10.30am and participants will be started off by Oswestry's Mayor, Councillor Sandy Best.

Louise said: "My dad, Les, was diagnosed with dementia a number of years ago and we regularly enjoyed walking together around the Oswestry area.

"Unfortunately, his mobility has deteriorated and he is no longer able to do so.

"Please walk with me and my family and friends on one of our favourite routes.

"Walk for my dad and others, who are living with this disease, to fund vital research into treatment and hopefully a cure."

Meeting told it could take more than 15 years to pay back health group's £60m deficit

IT could take more than 15 years to repay a health group's historic deficit of nearly £60 million, its chief finance officer has said at a meeting.

Claire Skidmore made the announcement during a meeting of the governing body for Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), which commissions health services in the county.

And she also told the meeting that there is a risk the group will not achieve its planned deficit for the current financial year of £13.3 million.

If it doesn't exceed this figure the CCG could see its debt for 2018/19 written off under a new national commissioner sustainability fund, meaning its total debt will stay the same going

Report by Lisa O'Brien

forward. But Ms Skidmore said there is the potential for the CCG to fall short of the target by £2.8m.

Work is ongoing to find ways of closing the gap.

Find

It comes as health commissioners in Shropshire must also find £99 million in savings over the next five years.

Dr Simon Freeman, accountable officer for the group, said the CCG was not looking to cut services but needed to find ways of making them more effective.

He said: "We are looking at new schemes and accelerating existing schemes.

"We need to get the existing schemes to work more efficiently.

"We are doing everything we can to hit that control total but we won't compromise on patient safety."

He said the CCG's Prescription Ordering Direct (POD) service, which handles repeat medication requests, had so far proven successful with reducing costs from waste and there are plans to roll it out to more GP practices.

Health commissioners say it is just one of the ways they are looking to make savings.

A finance report, which was put before members of the CCG's governing body at the meeting, said: "The CCG is expected to deliver a

control total of £13.3m deficit in 2018/19 and in doing so meet all of the 'business rules' for CCGs (except for achieving a surplus of one per cent).

"However, we have identified early over-performance in our main acute contracts and are therefore reporting significant risk at this stage."

"We also have slippage in our QIPP programme.

"Identified risks amount to £8.9m overall against which we have identified mitigations of £6.1m, including using reserves and contingency, but leaving a potential uncovered risk of £2.8m at this stage."

The finance report, which was the latest available, covered the period to the end of June.

Report by Mark Andrews

IN June, 2016, the people of Shropshire and Mid Wales went to the polls, and voted overwhelmingly to leave the EU.

Now, little more than two years on and amid growing clamour for a second referendum on Britain's exit from the European Union, 62 per cent of respondents said they were in favour of a second referendum in an online poll of Shropshire Star readers.

Of nearly 2,000 readers who took part in the poll, the majority said they wanted another chance to vote on the issue which continues to divide the country. Thirty-eight per cent said they did not want another vote. There have been increasing calls for a second referendum, after former cabinet member Justine Greening called for a vote where people had a three-way choice between accepting a final deal negotiated by Theresa May's Government, remaining in the EU, or leaving without a deal to trade on World Trade Organisation terms.

Outcome

An online poll carried out by pollster Yougov on behalf of campaign group People's Vote found that half of Britons wanted a second referendum if talks with Brussels broke down. Some 45 per cent want a say on the outcome of the Brexit negotiations with 34 per cent opposed, the survey found.

But the figure rose to 50 per cent if talks broke down, it found. A quarter said Parliament should decide.

A similar poll commissioned by the same organisation in the south-west of England – which voted Leave in 2016 – found 47 per cent backed a second referendum if the Government failed to reach a Brexit deal with the EU, while just 27 per cent opposed it.

The same poll also suggested a shift in opinion on how people would vote if a second referendum was held – it said voters would opt to stay in the EU by a margin of 51 per cent to 49. Of course, the polls should be treated with a degree of caution.

People's Vote was set up with the express intention of campaigning for a second referendum, and online polls are likely to be weighted towards younger voters who are more likely to support remaining in the EU. Polling expert Matt Singh, of Number Cruncher Politics, said second referendum questions were particularly sensitive to how the questions are worded.

Classic cars pack out park to help hospice



Many people enjoyed the annual Severn Hospice Classic Car Rally at Attingham Park

HUNDREDS of vintage cars packed out a National Trust park to raise funds for a charity which provides care for patients in Shropshire and Mid Wales.

The annual Severn Hospice Classic Car Rally went ahead at Attingham Park with 250 retro cars setting up on the park's grounds.

The display is always open to the public for free, although National Trust entry fees to the park itself still apply. The car display has been

a fixture at the park for years. Lucy Ruff from the Severn Hospice said: "The car rallies have raised £26,000 over the years for the hospice. This year we sold out all of the spaces two weeks before, which is fantastic."

David Sear, organiser of the rally and member of Severn Hospice, said: "Our classic vehicle rally at Attingham Park is a wonderful day for all involved.

"It's a great opportunity for enthusiasts to

get together and show their vehicles, while raising money for such an important local charity. It's not very often you get such a wide variety of vehicles on show.

"We would like to thank the National Trust and all the staff and volunteers at Attingham Park for their continued support with the event."

Attingham Park is a National Trust estate and mansion near the village of Atcham.

Figures reveal number of assaults on council staff

NEW figures have revealed front-line council employees in Powys have been subjected to more than 350 physical and verbal assaults in the past three years.

Almost half of the 2,619 reported assaults reported in North and Mid Wales took place on staff working at the region's schools, it has been revealed.

The figures obtained under the Freedom of Information Act have led to calls to protect teachers and other education staff in their day to day duties.

The highest number of assaults in Wales took place in Gwynedd.

Figures show that in Gwynedd there were 838 incidents involving violence on council staff reported between 2015/16 and 2017/18.

A total of 353 assaults were reported in Powys, with many involving local schools, the figures show.

The general secretary of teaching union, the NASUWT, has called for more safeguards to protect teaching staff.

Chris Keates said: "No teacher or other

worker should go to work with an expectation that they should tolerate violence and abuse.

"Yet evidence shows that teachers are not receiving the support to tackle these issues.

"Where a pupil is known to exhibit violent and disruptive behaviour, a risk assessment should be undertaken and action taken to support the pupil to address their behaviour and to protect other pupils and staff.

"Similar measures should be followed if there are concerns about the behaviour of parents or carers.

"In too many cases no effective assessment is ever undertaken.

"Even if it is, all too often this is not always shared with all staff or is not passed on to receiving schools if the pupil is moved.

"Employers who fail to disclose safety information leave themselves vulnerable to legal challenge and industrial action.

"But more importantly they are behaving recklessly with the health and wellbeing of staff and other pupils and this simply cannot be justified."



Some of those that gathered at Oswestry's former mainline railway station to remember those who died in the wars

Join walk to raise funds for Alzheimers

Report by Sue Austin

PEOPLE in Oswestry are being invited to unite against dementia by signing up for a locally-organised Alzheimer's Society's Memory Walk in the town centre on September 2.

Sisters Louise Arnold and Michelle Rowlands, have seen their family's life hit by dementia with Louise deciding she wanted to do something to make a difference.

Their family and friends will be walking around some of the footpaths their father Les used to love before dementia affected his mobility. The 2.8-mile walk will bring in funds for the society and raise awareness of problems that sufferers and their families face.

The walk will begin in the town's Cae Glas Park at 10.30am, started by the mayor, Councillor Sandy Best.

Louise said: "My Dad, Les Rowlands, was diagnosed with dementia a number of years ago and we regularly enjoyed walking together around the Oswestry area.

"Unfortunately his mobility has deteriorated and he is no longer able to enjoy the walks.

"Please walk with me and my family and friends on one of our favourite routes.

"Walk for my dad and others who are living with this disease to fund vital research into treatment and hopefully a cure."

Mr Rowlands, a well known businessman, was a partner in local commercial repairs business Rowlands & Evans. He has a rare form of dementia.

Michelle said: "Dementia is set to be the 21st century's biggest killer. We are calling on family, friends - and furry four-legged supporters - to unite against dementia this autumn. Every pound raised will help Alzheimer's Society provide information and support, improve, care, fund research and create lasting change for people affected by dementia."

More information is on the memory walk facebook page.

Closure of credit union branch is town blow

A CREDIT Union which has a branch in Welshpool is closing. The Cambrian Credit Union, is struggling with its own financial problems and has announced that it is closing its part-time counter services based Welshpool and Newtown libraries.

Offices in Caernarfon, Denbigh and Wrexham will only open for one day a week leaving Rhyl and Llandudno Junction as the full time offices from November.

It has over 12,000 adult members and 1,500 junior savers and employs over 30 members of staff and around 50 volunteers. Some jobs will be lost.

Powys county councillor Graham Breeze said the closure would be a great loss to the town of Welshpool. "The library only linked up with the Credit Union in March so this is a real disappointment. The Cambrian Credit Union offers so much to alleviate poverty and financial pressure for people in our community and it is a great shame that more people have not made use of the facility in Welshpool."

A spokesperson for the Cambrian Credit Union Board, said: "In recent years our loan revenue had not been covering our operational costs. This means we have not paid a dividend and we are forced to make changes."

Railwaymen remembered¹⁵

PEOPLE gathered on a railway platform in Oswestry to remember the railwaymen of Shropshire who died in the first and second world wars.

The event at the former Oswestry station, once a hub of the region's rail industry, was organised by the Cambrian Heritage Railway group.

A poignant ceremony is held every year and with the centenary of the end of the First World War this year the emphasis was on the 53 of the 400 men who left the railway to go to that war but did not return.

The mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Sandy Best, lit a special memorial lamp and also laid ceramic poppies that were made by students at North Shropshire College.

Reverend Dr John Chesworth led a short memorial service and music was

provided by the Oswestry Wild Singers. The standard of the Light Infantry Association was carried by Tim Galloway.

David Owen from the heritage railway, said members of the public at the event were also invited to take part in One Name One Voice, an art project that aims to record all the names on the county's war memorials using a different voice for each name. A large number of voices were recorded for the audio project at the ceremony in Oswestry.

He said: "We have held a memorial event each year since 2014 to mark the centenaries of the men named on the Cambrian Railways memorial, in which we light the memorial candle and lay poppies. At this year's Cambrian at War event, as well as One Name One Voice, we had a visit from a convoy of

WW2 vehicles from the Shropshire and Mid Wales Military Vehicle Group."

The Cambrian Railways ran from Whitchurch and Wrexham to Aberystwyth, Pwllheli and Brecon, a total of 230 miles, and had its headquarters at Oswestry. There were 400 members of the company's staff who left to go to war, with 53 of them paying the ultimate sacrifice. Each name is also remembered on a bronze memorial which stood on the main platform at Oswestry station until it closed to passengers and it was transferred to Cae Glas Park.

Among those paying their respects were members of the family of John Rodgers. They travelled from Oxford and London to take part. Rodgers was a goods clerk at Whitchurch station, and was just 18 when he was killed. He has no known grave.



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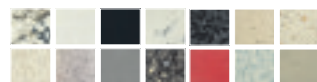
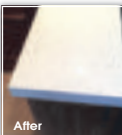
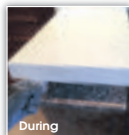
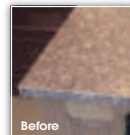
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16 £40 million backlog in the repair of roads

ROADS in poor conditions could take years to be repaired and upgraded after a local authority admitted it has a £40 million backlog in work.

A report which went before the highways committee at Powys County Council proposed an action plan due to a severe backlog of work needed on the region's road network.

The report from Adrian Jervis, acting head of highways, transport and recycling said that urgent work will be given priority, with other projects likely to be put on hold.

Mr Jervis said in the report: "The backlog of work across the highway network exceeds £40 million.

"The range of options for allocating expenditure across work categories is therefore considerable.

"Schemes put forward for consideration within each category are prioritised in accordance with established scheme ranking systems where applicable or using the established principles of the systems to help ensure allocations are on a needs basis.

"Candidate schemes are identified from routine inspections, stakeholder raised issues as well as those put forward for consideration by county councillors through liaison between members and highways grounds and Street Scene managers."

Team takes a look at new NHS sculpture

THE team that helped to create a unique sculpture, marking 70 years of the NHS, met recently to see it in all its glory at its new home in Shrewsbury.

The NHS 70 sculpture is situated outside the ward block at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

The heart sculpture was built by the British Ironwork Centre, near Oswestry, using obsolete hospital equipment such as blood pressure monitors, parts of hospital beds, surgical hands, microscopes, a former anaesthetic machine, a broken dialysis machine and wheelchairs.

When it arrived on site a week before the hospital's charity fun day last month, a team organised by Steve Darlington, acting head of estates at RSH, worked around the clock to make sure it was not only up in time but looked fantastic for the big unveiling.

Graham Rogers, of J. Rogers and Sons, spent multiple days doing all of the ground works, while Peter Evans, of SRS Electricals, donated all of the electrical work so the sculpture can be lit up at night time.

The electrical supplies were provided courtesy of Rexel UK.

The team met recently to see the sculpture, saying: "It was a pleasure to help with this project."

Concerns on sex abuse of teens

ADULTS having sexual relationships with 16 and 17-year-olds while working in "positions of trust" have accounted for 29 crimes in Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire since 2012.

It is illegal for teachers, care workers and youth justice staff to have sexual contact with 16 and 17-year-old children under their supervision.

But the NSPCC says a loophole in the law means children are not properly protected from adults working in other roles – such as sports coaches, religious leaders and youth workers – prompting the charity to campaign for the law to go further.

Telford's police chief, Superintendent Tom Harding, says child sexual offences remain his number one priority.

He said: "We are committed to tackling grooming in all its forms, including crimes involving adults working in a position of trust, and raising awareness to help ensure children don't become victims.

"Awareness of the issue coupled with an increase in confidence that victims will be listened to, is something we welcome.

"West Mercia Police takes any reports of grooming extremely seriously and we have dedicated, specialist officers tackling offences where children are the subject of grooming."

Number of West Mercia Police officers down four per cent

THE number of officers in West Mercia Police fell by almost four per cent compared to a year ago, figures obtained from the Home Office show.

The statistics show that there were the equivalent of 1,974 full-time officers employed by the force in March this year, a fall of 81 from the previous year when the figure stood at 2055.

The data also shows that less time was being spent on frontline policing, with 1,763 officers available for frontline duties in March this

year, down 191 from 2017. However, Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion said the force was in the process of recruiting 100 extra officers.

The figures come as it emerged that police numbers in England and Wales were at their lowest level since 1996, leading to the Police Federation claiming that "policing in the UK is on the critical list".

Recent crime statistics show that recorded crime in the force area was up by four per cent, with violent crime showing a six per cent in-

crease. Che Donald of the Police Federation of England and Wales said government cuts were leading to a desperate shortage of officers on the streets.

"These new figures are proof, as if we even needed it, that policing in the UK is on the critical list," said Mr Donald.

"Thanks to government funding cuts, we now have the lowest number of police officers since 1996."

Richard Elkin, director of enabling services for West Mercia Police, said the force was re-

cruiting new officers at the moment. He said: "We will always ensure that the budget made available to us is maximised in terms of the numbers of police officers, police staff and volunteers across the force."

John Campion said this year's budget ensured that the number of constables and community support officers was protected.

Mr Campion said the budget prioritised a greater proportion of resources towards the vital frontline services that communities value most.

Weather boost for vineyard



Kerry Vale Vineyard owners Geoff and June Ferguson toast a bumper crop

FAMILY-RUN Kerry Vale Vineyard on the Powys/Shropshire border is looking forward to a bumper crop of grapes following this summer's fantastic weather.

The last bumper year for the vineyard, which is located near Montgomery, was 2014 and owner Geoff Ferguson is hoping that 2018 will be even better.

"This year we've had near perfect weather," he said. "The sustained warm weather, after a period of rain and colder months, means the quality of grapes on the vine is exceptional. The flowering has been completely uninterrupted and early and the bunches look fantastic."

The Wine and Spirit Trade Association (WSTA) has said 2018 is set to be a vintage year thanks to a wet spring followed by the heatwave that led to early flowering vines and generous bunches which were "shaping up to provide a bountiful harvest".

Due to the fine weather, harvest is going to be early this year, which makes for a

great vintage and should produce stunning wines.

The future warm forecast also looks very promising, however it's too early to start celebrating just yet. The weather during the harvest period will be crucial in deciding the result. Ideally, the vineyard needs enough rain in August to swell the crop and a warm September for harvest.

The lack of rain across much of the UK has proved problematic for many farmers and fruit growers, but not vineyards. "Currently, it looks as though we are going to have a fantastic harvest in terms of both quality and quantity," added Geoff.

Kerry Vale Vineyard, which has three grape varieties - Rondo, Phoenix and Solaris – runs vineyard tours every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

The vineyard, which has an award-winning coffee shop and art gallery, is open to the public from Wednesday to Sunday and is free to visit.

Inquiry will look at support of language

A NEW major inquiry by a National Assembly committee will look at what is being done to support and promote the use of the Welsh language.

As part of its inquiry, the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee will undertake post-legislative scrutiny of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011. This will include assessing the implementation of the legislation, its impact and effectiveness.

The inquiry will provide an opportunity to assess the Welsh Government's wider policy decisions as a result of introducing the 2011 measure, specifically around the Welsh language standards.

The committee will also consider the wider international context, particularly where there are examples of legislation and language planning that support minority languages.

The Welsh Language Measure was a significant shift in approach to language planning in Wales.

The Welsh Government abolished the then Welsh Language Board, bringing many of the promotional activities for the language within the Welsh Government, and set up the Welsh Language Commissioner in its place.

The principal aim of the commissioner was to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language. This would be done in the main by imposing language duties, known as "standards", on organisations, establishing rights for Welsh speakers.

The measure also gave the Welsh language official status in Wales, meaning that Welsh should be treated no less favourably than the English language.

In August 2017, after a period of consultation,

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the Welsh Government published its White Paper – Striking the right balance: proposals for a Welsh Language Bill.

Some of the most significant proposals include abolishing the Welsh Language Commissioner and establishing a single main body – The Welsh Language Commission – to promote the language and regulate standards.

Other proposals were to transfer budgets and resources for other specified promotion work currently undertaken by Welsh Government to the new commission and retain Welsh language standards, but only as they apply to services.

Further proposals were for only serious complaints to be investigated by the Welsh Language Commission and for the Welsh Government to have responsibility for making and imposing standards. "Promotion and growth in the use of the Welsh language is a key part of the Welsh Government's manifesto," said Bethan Sayed AM, chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee.

"It has set bold targets of reaching a million Welsh speakers by 2050, almost double the current number.

"We will be examining in detail the impact and benefits of the Welsh Language Measure from 2011, before considering how legislation and policy could be improved to provide further support.

"We also intend to take an international point of view on protection and promotion of minority languages in other countries.

"I would ask anyone who has an interest in the Welsh language to contribute to our inquiry."

Commissioning group no longer rated inadequate by inspectors

THE group in charge of health services in Shropshire has improved its rating.

Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group is now rated by NHS England as "requires improvement" following its annual assessment.

It had been rated "inadequate" since the new ratings were introduced in 2015/16.

Dr Julian Povey, chairman of the CCG, said it was a "positive" step. "This is generally a good

move and we can go up only one step at a time," he said.

The report by NHS England noted the hard work of the CCG and, in particular, the "significant work" to get the Future Fit programme through the NHS England assurance process, which resulted in the allocation of capital funding.

It also said the CCG had strengthened its executive team and governing body, described its achievement against QIPP (qual-

ity, innovation, productivity and prevention) as impressive, and praised the work on the mid-wife-led unit review. However, the report did say the principal area of challenge for the CCG is its A&E performance and its finances.

Dr Povey said work was already under way to implement the actions from NHS England. These included supporting its executive team and governing body members as they lead Future Fit.

Fire takeover legal bid gets autumn date

A LEGAL challenge to a decision allowing the police commissioner to take control of the region's fire service could be heard in October.

Eric Carter, chair of Shropshire Fire Authority, who opposed the move, said he believed a decision on whether to allow a Judicial Review could be taken in the next few months.

Mr Carter said he hoped the judiciary "see sense" and allow the challenge.

It comes after former Home Secretary Amber Rudd made a decision in March to allow West Mercia's police commissioner John Campion to take over the running of the Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.

A public consultation backed Mr Campion's plans but more than 70 per cent of people responded to a Shropshire Star poll saying they were against the idea.

Earlier this year it was announced that the fire authority had put £70,000 aside to fight the decision by requesting a judicial review – which challenges the process by which the original decision was made.

Councillor Carter said: "We are hoping we can be successful in overturning this.

"We had the full backing of the fire authority to make this move, it was all councillors from Tories, Lib Dems, Labour and independents.

"No one agrees with this decision, a Shropshire Star poll found that 78 per cent of people in the county didn't want this to happen.

"We believe the whole process has been flawed, and hope that when it goes before a judge they will see sense and overturn it."

Previously the fire authority has claimed the consultation process was flawed.

Councillor Carter added: "Our barrister has said we have a good case to overturn the decision.

"We wouldn't have set money aside for this if we didn't think we could get the right decision." Mr Campion said that his plans had been supported by the public and the government.

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TNS owner ready for legal fight

A FOOTBALL club boss says he is ready for a legal fight over claims about the handling of an £80,000 grant.

Mike Harris, owner of Oswestry's The New Saints, has issued the warning amid the row over a Shropshire Council grant.

The authority gave The New Saints (TNS) an £80,000 grant in 2012 to build a new stand. The council has said the money should have been paid back in grants of £16,000 a year over five years.

However, earlier this year the council announced an investigation after it was revealed just £10,000 of the grant had been paid back.

The authority has since said mistakes have been made in the attempts to recoup the money, but that it is now trying to recover the full amount.

Now TNS owner Mike Harris has insisted the obligation to pay out grants was voluntary. He said: "The council legal team made it very clear any contributions from us must be voluntary. We have e-mails from officers telling us what we had to put in our application and it made it clear any repayments were completely voluntary."

"The application outlined the conditions we had to meet. All those have been met."

"We have the full meeting notes of every time our company met the council. I'm disgusted the way this has come out. They have decided to blacken our name."

"If we don't get an apology we will consider taking action against the council for defamation."

Family thanks fire crews for saving home

A FAMILY who feared their home could be engulfed in the fires that swept across moorland have praised firefighters.

David Yelland, his wife, Lesley, and daughter Emily, said crews worked tirelessly to tackle the fire at the Horseshoe Pass near Llangollen.

The fires began on Llantysilio Hill on July 18, when Mr Yelland, 52, was recovering in hospital from a heart operation.

After five days in hospital he went home to learn of the full extent of the fire that seemed, at the time to be under control. However, in the following days the fire took hold again.

Mr Yelland said: "It got to the stage where it was only about 100 or so metres from our home."

Desperately worried Mr Yelland went to talk to fire chiefs who were able to reassure him. They told him an access road would act as a fire break. He said: "What they said would happen, did happen and the access road worked perfectly as a fire break."

"The next day we were able to go and shake the hands of the firefighters who were stationed there to ensure the fire break was not breached."

Duet for One takes to stage

A PLAY based on the life of cellist, Jacqueline Du Pré, takes to the stage next month.

The production takes place at Theatr Clwyd, Mold, from September 3 to 8.

Lee Dean and Daniel Schumann will present Duet For One by Tom Kempinski in the Anthony Hopkins theatre.

The play stars Belinda Lang, best known for playing Bill in the BBC comedy 2 Point 4 Children and Jonathan Coy best known for his role as George Murray in Downton Abbey and as Henry in the long running series Rumpole.

It tells the tale of a brilliant concert violinist who seemingly has it all. But she is forced to re-evaluate her life when she is struck down by an unforeseen tragedy.

Faced with a truth too difficult to comprehend, she consults psychiatrist Dr Feldmann, resulting in a duel between two razor-sharp minds.

Picture focus



George Garratt, Finley Hudson and Tom Evans celebrate their results



Students at Marches Sixth Form nervously open results



Oswestry School headmaster Julian Noad with Roly Hancock and Michael Doyle

Plenty of smiles as students celebrate their exam results

Report by Sue Austin

THERE were plenty of smiles, and a few tears, as students picked up their A-level results last week.

The Marches School Sixth Form celebrated a 100 per cent pass rate for its students.

Finley Hudson has achieved four A* grades, securing a highly competitive place at the Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology. Lord Dyson said Finley had been chosen due to his "passion, intellect and tenacity".

The student said, who wants to become a mechanical engineer, and said: "I am so happy with how I've done, and the teachers have been really good and amazing since I have been here."

Sam West, George Garratt and Tom Evans matched Finley's grades by achieving straight A*s and will follow a traditional route by attending the country's top universities, and studying English Literature, Medicine and Chemistry.

Like The Marches, Welshpool High School also had a 100 per cent pass rate with 70 per cent of pupils achieving at least one A* to A grade or equivalent.

Sam Dyer achieved five A levels at A*/A grade and will go on to study Medicine. Izzy Harris will also study Medicine having achieved three A*/ A grades plus an A grade at AS level.

Other very good performances included Megan Davies (two Distinction*, an A and a B), Rebekah Jones (an A*, and 2 two grades) who goes on to study Radiotherapy and Sara Lloyd (two Distinction*, an A and a B grade). Jack Foulkes achieved an A* and 2 A grades while Dominic Richards gained two Distinction*, an A grade and a C.

Llanfyllin High School achieved near perfection in its results, with 99 per cent of students passing in their subjects, a significant improvement for the school, going up 20 per cent from last year.

At Moreton Hall a third of its students achieved straight A*s and As, cementing its position as the top non-selective school in the UK.

Those celebrating include Georgina Lang, from Knockin whose four A*s enable her to take up her place at Oxford to read Computer Science and Philosophy.

Zahra Deji-Abiola moves onto Imperial College to read Chemical Engineering with three A*s and one A and Jasmine Singh fulfils a lifetime ambition to study medicine at King's Col-



Smiling faces at The Marches Sixth Form

lege, London with three A*s. Holly Jones, 18, from Hengoed is delighted with her two A*s and an A giving her the chance to go to Loughborough to study architecture.

Jonathan Forster, Principal of Moreton Hall said: "Moreton is not an exam factory and it is important to note that some of our most successful students have made an enormous contribution to the wider life of the school. For example Lily Mainwaring, who takes up a place at Cambridge to read Medicine, combined her studies with captaining her country at lacrosse."

"Our investment in Science and more specifically, our Medical Science faculty is clearly paying dividends and as work begins on the Holroyd Community Theatre, it is a clear

statement of our intent to the principle of an all-round education and our role as a regional hub for learning and the Arts."

Oswestry School said 45 per cent of all papers earned A* to B grades, in line with last year.

Admir Krnic gained A*A*B and is heading to Manchester University to read Computer Science and Mathematics. Head boy, Roly Hancock, obtained three A grades and has secured his place at Leeds University to study mechatronics and robotics and Greta Horvathova, AAB, has grades for a place at Edinburgh to study neuroscience with her AAB results.

Deputy Head boy, Vlad Choghoshvili, is off to Italy, to read economics at Bocconi University whilst Victoria Raffle has already started

at Indiana Tech University in America, reading sports management. Her place was secured with a golf scholarship and now backed up by excellent A-level results.

Julian Noad, Headmaster, said: "This is a very pleasing set of results, particularly given our non-selective intake and the increased challenge of reformed A-levels. To maintain our excellent pass rates in this climate is a magnificent indictment of the hard work of both our pupils and our staff."

"They also engage in such a full and successful co-curriculum, developing leadership and other wider skills, ensuring that they really do leave Oswestry School having learned 'for life' and with ambitions that take them all over the world."



Holly Jones and Georgina Lang from Moreton Hall celebrate

Elderly ‘would be hit hard’ by council cuts plans

OLDER people would be the worst affected under Shropshire Council proposals to close nine of the county's customer service points, according to Age UK.

The Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin branch is calling on people to take part in a consultation about the potential closures.

Shropshire Council is proposing closing customer service points in Albrighton, Bishop's Castle, Broseley, Church Stretton, Cleobury Mortimer, Ellesmere, Shifnal and Wem.

It also wants to reduce the hours at the six

main offices in Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Ludlow, Bridgnorth, Whitechurch and Market Drayton.

But Heather Osborne, chief executive of Age UK STW, said older people who live in rural areas would be hit the hardest.

She said: "While we appreciate the need for the council to save money, if it goes ahead and closes these offices around the county it will be older people who live rurally who will be hardest hit.

"These are the people who already struggle to access services due to poor public transport.

"If an older person living in Bishop's Castle wants to speak to someone about their council tax then it is a long way to have to travel into Shrewsbury.

"It's all very well saying that there will be public access to computers but many older people do not know how to use computers and therefore can't access services digitally.

"If a person is frail or vulnerable, or living with dementia, they really benefit from speaking to someone face to face and sorting out their issues."

Financial challenges and government spending cuts have been blamed for the proposed closures across the county, and a drop in the number of people using the service.

But Miss Osborne said: "Local charities such as ours are already feeling the strain from an increased demand on our services as local authorities reduce their funding.

"I would urge everyone to take part in the consultation." To take part go to shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/customer-service-point-opening-hours-review-2018/

Firms team up for success



Bosses at J&PR, Pure Telecom and Reech celebrate the deal

A LEADING Shropshire telecoms firm has teamed up with two other county businesses as it targets another year of growth including acquisitions.

Multi award-winning Pure Telecom has joined forces with marketing and digital agency Reech and PR company J&PR as it continues to expand its operation as a major independent player in the world of telecommunications.

Pure and Reech are based in Shrewsbury while J&PR has its base in Wellington – all three companies have a proven record in their field of expertise and all are committed to supporting Shropshire business.

J&PR was launched by directors Kirsty Smallman, who grew up in Oswestry, and Rhea Alton in 2012 and the company has continued to grow over the last six years.

Matt Sandford, Pure Telecom CEO, said: "We are delighted to bring Reech and J&PR on board and look forward to both companies helping us to achieve further growth

and development this year. We wanted to work specifically with county-based like-minded businesses who are as loyal and committed to Shropshire as we are.

"Our three companies have all enjoyed a high degree of success, are fast-growing and already provide first-class service to other successful business based in Shropshire. This partnership can only benefit clients still further.

"Shropshire is an amazing place to live and work, it has a thriving business community with many companies and individuals who are at the forefront of their industries.

"These are exciting times at Pure Telecom and we are pleased Reech and J&PR will be coming along with us on what should be an amazing and mutually beneficial journey." Marketing agency Reech was founded in 2009 by Rob Hughes and is a leader in marketing strategy and planning, design and digital development.

New drive to make more loos available

BUDGET cuts mean councils are under pressure to save every penny, and in Powys that means fewer places to spend one.

Powys has lost nearly all of its public toilets since 2000, according to newly-released figures. Across the area, 84 loos have closed.

Data obtained by the British Toilet Association through a Freedom of Information request shows that there are two council operated toilets, down from 86 two decades ago.

Across the UK, at least 1,541 of these conveniences were closed over the period – a drop of 39 per cent.

The figure could be even bigger as many local authorities did not reply to the query.

Local authorities can come to an agreement with private businesses to open their amenities for the public in exchange for a payment or a tax credit.

The British Toilet Association has started a campaign called Use Our Loos to encourage businesses to open their toilets to non-customers and make it visible by having a sticker on display.

The director of the organisation, Raymond Martin, said: "We know that councils are under immense pressure with their budgets and despite having no legal obligation to maintain these public facilities, they have continued to try to reverse the rate of decline.

"They are constantly looking at alternative ideas, such as individual Community Toilet Schemes, to

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provide reasonable provision for their communities.

"Use our Loos is a community-oriented solution not about opening more toilets but making more toilets that already exist accessible to the public."

In Powys there is one public convenience for every 66,258 residents, compared to one for 10,930 people in the UK.

A spokesperson for the Local Government Association said: "Councils are doing everything they can to keep public toilets open and ensure there is provision for people with particular needs.

"With substantial reductions to their budgets, councils have had to make tough choices about public facilities but are finding innovative ways of tackling this issue."

Charities fighting for elderly people's rights have denounced the impact of the lack of free toilets.

Caroline Abrahams, Charity Director for Age UK said: "A lack of public toilets affects everyone but for many older people knowing there's a decent public convenience freely available for all enables them to get out and about with confidence, without fear of being caught short or drawing attention to themselves. We know that some older people with health conditions choose to stay indoors rather than taking a chance on being able to find a toilet if they need one, so public toilets really do make a big difference to their quality of life."

Business chief says region has a lot to be excited about

A BUSINESS chief says Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin has a lot to be excited about with £22 million investment on the way.

The county is sharing £22 million in investment cash for new roads, house building and industrial parks to boost job creation from the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

Major projects in the pipeline include the Newport Innovation and Enterprise Package, bringing 1,070 houses and 954 jobs to the area and the Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings.

Roger Wood, director of venture capital firm Midven, said: "The Marches has a lot to be excited about. This is due largely

to the recent £22m investment from the Marches LEP. Over the next two decades, a promise has been made to create thousands of jobs and new homes, with £7.7m also being invested in the roll-out of superfast broadband to give 77,000 extra homes and businesses high speed wi-fi by the end of next year.

"At the same time, venture capital specialists Midven are providing investment upwards of £2m into Marches' business through the Midlands Engine Investment Fund.

"This will target ambitious, high-growth companies ideally with proven products, services and existing sales, in addition to

start-ups with significant growth potential. With a strong enterprise culture, the Marches has a stable and wage-competitive workforce.

"Additionally, with a good allocation of development land and premises available, up-and-coming local businesses have a fantastic opportunity to maximise on the current financial climate in the region."

The Marches has aspirations to create nearly 40,000 new jobs over the next two decades. Newport Councillor Peter Scott said: "All councils, Shropshire included, are short of cash so any form of grant funding has got to be spent well."

Fun runs will mark work on new bypass

THE opening of a multi-million pound bypass will be marked by charity fun runs.

Newtown Bypass, which is currently over half way through construction, is set to open next year and ideas have been discussed about ways to mark its opening.

Montgomeryshire AM Russell George has announced that after a number of suggestions and requests, he met with contractors Alun Griffiths and local contractors and a number of fun runs will take place along the route of the bypass before it opens.

It will begin on October 21, with an elite 5k run at 9.30am and an amateur run at 11am. Then in the afternoon, a fun walk/run for families will take place. There will be an entry fee of £10 with the money going to a national charity which is yet to be decided. People will also be able to raise money for their own chosen charities. There will also be an exhibition of the scheme for people to view, staff will be available to answer questions and there will also be activities for children. Mr George said: "I think it is a fantastic idea to hold a series of charity runs along the route of the Newtown Bypass before it opens to the public. It is a great opportunity to eventually mark the completion of the project and declare it open while raising money for local good causes."

Check heating before buying your property

HOUSE hunters throughout the West Midlands have been urged to check the property's heating system before buying a new home.

A survey revealed failing to ask when the boiler was last serviced was the biggest regret homeowners had after moving in.

Checking the heating system is vital in preventing any unexpected costs arising.

An additional 50 per cent admitted they did not check if the radiators were working correctly either.

In response to these figures, the UK trade association for the oil heating industry, OFTEC, has produced a helpful guide highlighting key questions to ask sellers about heating systems. Malcolm Farrow, of OFTEC, said: "With the house moving season in full swing, it's easy to get swept up in all the excitement of buying a new home.

"Whilst we're usually good at asking all the obvious key questions, we often forget about the heating system." He added: "It might not be the most thrilling feature, but a heating system is fundamental to the running of a home and can be a big source of stress." Key questions outlined by the trade association include: 'when was the heating system last serviced?' 'when was the heating system installed?' and 'how much does the system cost to run?'

Virtual reality is brought to fans

CONCERT goes at Arena Birmingham and the Genting Arena will now be able to experience some of their favourite bands in virtual reality.

The NEC Group arenas have partnered up with virtual reality (VR) market leader, MelodyVR, to bring the unique experience to the city. Attendees will be able to access a selection of live events held at the Brum venues, using the power of virtual reality technology, including performances from chart toppers Royal Blood, Irish heartthrobs The Script and the legendary UB40. Ali, Astro & Mickey.

Over the coming months, MelodyVR will also live stream real-time concerts through VR and offer virtual tickets to sold-out shows with the biggest artists, enabling an unlimited number of fans to attend in-demand concerts around the globe. The concerts, as well as virtual tickets, will be available to purchase via the MelodyVR app, on Oculus Go or Samsung Gear VR virtual reality headsets. Those who are unable to attend arena events in person, can transport themselves to the heart of the action through the power of VR and the MelodyVR app. By selecting different 'jump spots', users can choose to be in the front row, deep in the crowd, or up-close-and-personal with the band on stage.

Hospital staff will zip along to raise funds

A TEAM representing the trust that runs Shropshire's two main hospitals is to take on the world's fastest zipline to raise money to improve care for patients at the end of their life.

The team, headed up by Jules Lewis, end-of-life care facilitator at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, will take on the challenge on September 29. Jules will be joined by Jules Lock, end-of-life care lead volunteer; Debbie Snooke, end-of-life care specialist nurse; Kal Lloyd, end-of-life care champion and staff nurse on the Intensive Therapy Unit at the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford, and Dee Radford, quality manager.

They will reach speeds of up to 100mph as they zoom down the 1,555 metre zipline at Penrhyn Quarry on the edge of Snow-

donia. They will be joined in their adventure by Roy Lilley and Dr Terri Porrett from the Academy of Fabulous NHS Stuff, set up to share the best ideas, innovations and concepts happening in the NHS.

All of the money raised from the adventure will go to the Swan Fund at SaTH, which runs the PRH and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Jules Lewis said: "We have done a lot of fundraising for the Swan Fund, but I haven't done anything like this before.

"Debbie Snooke did the zipline back in February to raise money for the fund and loved it. So we got talking and decided we would do it again with a bigger team.

"Roy and Terri have been very supportive of the things we are

trying to accomplish in end of life care, so I invited them along too, and I am delighted that they said yes."

The team has an online donation page at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/debbie-snooke-2.

The fund was set up three years ago with a £500 donation from the funeral of Jules Lewis's father, Harold.

Since then it has raised more than £20,000.

This has allowed SaTH to open 16 Swan Rooms, which allow families to spend time with loved ones in a homely and relaxed environment, instead of in the medical surroundings of an acute clinical ward. The fund is also supported by The League of Friends of the RSH and the Friends of PRH,

20 Couple facing action over trade claims

A COUPLE are facing a series of trading standards matters for allegedly selling fake branded goods across the region.

John Paul Harrison, 42, and Emma Louise Harrison, 37, both of Burma Road, Park Hall, near Oswestry are both accused of a number of offences.

A hearing was held at Llandrindod Wells Magistrates Court.

Mr Harrison faces three charges of selling goods with a sign or packaging which was identical to or was likely to be mistaken for a trade mark between October 28, 2016 and December 12, 2016, July 21, 2017 and January 25, 2017.

He also faces one charge of offering or exposing for sale goods bearing a false trade mark between December 12, 2016 and July 1, 2017 and possessing goods with a false trade mark for sale or hire on July 21, 2017.

The goods are alleged to have included clothing, footwear, toiletries and watches. Emma Harrison also faces the same charges.

Prosecuting for Powys County Council, Nigel Vaughan said the couple have been sent the documentation required but they would have only had it for a short time. Magistrates adjourned the case until September 12 for Mr and Mrs Harrison to have more time to consider the documentation.

Counselling help available for youngsters

CHILDREN and young people feel less supported during the school summer holidays, according to an online counselling service.

XenZone's Kooth service, commissioned in Shropshire, is encouraging children to get in touch if they are struggling with their mental health during the summer holidays.

Chairman and founder of Kooth, Elaine Bousfield said: "Children and young people can feel unsupported over the school holidays.

"They don't have the usual networks of support they can access in school and so it's extra important that we ensure they can find professional help when and if they need it, so that concerns and worries don't fester and grow.

"Kooth and our Kooth counsellors are available throughout the summer holidays – and every day – for those who need mental health support."

Last summer, more than 11,500 young people registered to use the service.

Children can access the service anonymously.

The counselling service is free of charge online from 12pm until 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10pm on weekends at www.kooth.com

Number of armed officers falling

THE number of armed police in the force that covers Shropshire has fallen to its lowest level in a decade, despite an increase in operations requiring an armed response.

According to the latest figures from the Home Office, West Mercia Police conducted 142 armed response operations in the 12 months to March 2018.

This was an increase of 18 per cent from the previous year, when armed officers attended 120 operations, and an increase of 58 per cent from five years ago.

At the same time, however, the number of armed officers in the force fell to 95 in 2018 – the lowest level since current records began a decade ago. Armed officer numbers were at their highest level in West Mercia in 2008, at 163 officers.

In Dyfed-Powys, 160 armed police operations were carried out in the 12 months to March 2018. This was an increase from 2017, when armed officers attended 114 operations, an increase of 74 per cent from a decade ago when current records began.

The number of armed police officers has also increased, rising from 62 in 2017 to 68 as of the end of March this year.

Police forces across the country have seen an "explosion" in violent crime over the past year, according to the Police Federation of England and Wales.

Nearly 600 assaults on police reported in past year

POLICE officers in West Mercia suffered 579 assaults in the past year and 176 of them were injured in the attacks, according to new figures from the Home Office.

The figures show that about one in four officers serving with the force will have been assaulted in the 12 months up until March this year.

In Dyfed-Powys, 176 assaults were recorded against officers, causing 51 injuries.

It is the first time time the number of assaults causing injury to officers has been re-

corded. However the number of assaults on officers not causing injury has increased by 39 per cent since 2016/16.

But John Apter, chairman of police officers' union, the Police Federation of England and Wales, said the true figures were likely to be much higher.

"I do not believe these figures represent anywhere near the true picture of the level of violence our members face on a daily basis," he said.

"Steps have been taken to improve the qual-

ity of the data, however there is still work to be done to ensure all incidents are accurately recorded so a true picture can be obtained."

In an attempt to tackle the problem, new laws co-sponsored by Mark Pritchard, MP for The Wrekin, are due to come into force in the autumn.

The Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Bill means that people convicted of assaulting emergency workers will potentially face tougher sentences.

Geoff Wessell, the Assistant Chief Consta-

ble of West Mercia Police, said: "Our men and women are out in our communities day and night, often dealing with very difficult and challenging situations and putting themselves in harm's way.

"They certainly do not deserve to be subject to abuse, threats or assaults and I very much welcome the additional protection that this new Bill gives them. I can assure them, and anyone who feels it acceptable to behave in this manner towards our officers, that all such incidents are taken extremely seriously."

Plenty of fun at annual show



There will be all sorts of entertainment at Llanfechain Show

LLANFECHAIN Show takes place on Bank Holiday Monday next week.

Organisers say the show is especially known for its focus on families.

In the centre of the village two large marquees house the competitive displays and the local art and craft sales area.

The Mid Wales Boat Club will be returning with their collection of model boats and the chance to have a go at sailing them on the waterway created for the day.

Paul Melton will be there with his birds of prey for everyone to observe and learn all about.

There will also be many stalls and side-shows on the field, bouncy castles, go-karts and classic vehicle displays, plus food and drink.

The dog show starts at 1pm, a new time, with registration from the beginning of the show at 11am until 12.30pm.

It has both pedigree and novelty classes and lots of prizes and rosettes.

Live music on the day is from The Flatville Aces playing traditional Cajun music from south-west Louisiana, a potent mix of fiddle and accordion, French singing and infectious dance rhythms.

Kaleidoscope Theatre returns this year with its unique mime performances and Jack Jester and team will also bring theatre, circus and fire-eating into one show as well as being around all day teaching circus skills and more. Simon Airey will be starting the day at 11am with his creatures creepy and cute and his informative, entertaining and fun commentary. Organisers say all in all the show is a great day out for the whole family and at only £4 for adults and £1 for children the cheapest around. This year's presidents are Iwan and Meinir Jones who have lived at the centre of the village for the last seven years with their young family and with Iwan being the local electrician and a community councillor they are well known throughout the community.

HAVING Shropshire's emergency care centre based in Shrewsbury "makes no sense", according to councillors and residents in Newport.

The Future Fit consultation arrived in Newport recently, giving residents the chance to have their say on the future of the county's health services.

There wasn't due to be an event in the town, but councillors pushed for one to be included and a large number of people turned out at the town's community building Cosy Hall.

Conservative councillor for Newport South and East, Eric Carter met with experts and expressed his views on why option two, of having the emergency care centre in Telford is the better all round option.

He said: "Newport is going to be one of the furthest towns away from the emergency centre, if it goes to Shrewsbury.

"I don't think anyone has really thought out the transport aspect of things, because it is already hard enough for people to get public transport in areas around here.

"Shrewsbury hospital isn't in the town, isn't accessible by train or one bus and that is a big problem.

"On top of that Telford has a growing population that is already 160,000, so it doesn't make sense for the emergency centre to be there."

Report by Jonny Drury

Cllr Carter also believes the reason option one, of having the emergency care centre in Shrewsbury, is the preferred option because of its proximity to Mid Wales.

He added: "It is the preferred option because of its proximity to Mid Wales and that isn't right.

"The people of Mid Wales should have access to the best services, but it shouldn't mean the people of Shropshire being put at risk."

Figures released recently showed that only a small percentage of the population has responded to the consultation, however that figure has risen according to health bosses.

Nigel Dugmore, a parish councillor who attended the event, believes people haven't been responding in the area because they think a decision has already been made.

He added: "The consultation is just about going through the process.

"There hasn't been a lot of replies around here for the simple fact that people think the decision is a foregone conclusion."

However, Emma Thomas, also a local councillor, believes people need to get out and have their say.

She added: "People are disillusioned by the whole thing and believe it is a done deal, which is a shame.

"People have to have their say on it, otherwise it will be too late."

Arson message appears to be getting through say officers

THE fire service has hailed the impact of a campaign aimed at seeing the number of arsons in Shropshire fall.

Despite a record-breaking heatwave in July and early August, which saw firefighters around the UK battling scores of grassland and moorland fires – many believed to have been the work of arsonists – Shropshire has suffered fewer deliberate fires than it did during the same period, between January and July, last year.

So far in 2018, 180 deliberate fires have been recorded in the county compared with 199 during the same period in 2017.

The fire service's prevention

team says the reduction is largely due to safety campaigns and education initiatives run in schools throughout the year.

Derek Taylor, a member of Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service's Prevention (Arson) team, said: "The latest figures are a strong indication that our campaigns, particularly the work we do in schools and through the multi-agency Crucial Crew safety education roadshows, is having a direct and positive effect and that is very good news indeed.

"We have worked closely with schools and our colleagues in the police, housing providers, local authorities and many other partners to deliver fire safety and

arson prevention initiatives and these campaigns are definitely making a positive difference.

"Arson is an issue for every fire service in the country and it is not going to go away.

"In Shropshire we will continue to devise and deliver innovative campaigns and initiatives and to look for new ways of getting our arson prevention message across."

The service has issued guidelines warning people not to throw cigarettes out of car windows, not to leave bottles on the ground, put disposable barbecues on bricks, and avoid burning any rubbish when the ground is very dry.

Inheritance tax bill for county hits £19m

ESTATES in Shropshire paid around £19 million in inheritance tax in a year, newly released figures from HMRC show.

It meant the area contributed to nearly £5 billion of inheritance tax – a figure which has rocketed in recent years – during the 2015-16 financial year.

During that period, the most recent year for which local figures have been released by HMRC, 139 estates in Shropshire were required to pay inheritance tax.

They paid an average of £137,000 each – despite at least £325,000 of the value of estates being ineligible for taxation. In total, the bill for the area came to an estimated £19 million.

In Powys estates paid around £4 million in inheritance tax in

a year. And the inheritance tax bill continued to grow last year, with national figures showing the Treasury raised £5.2 billion in 2017-18, more than double the amount paid in 2009-10.

The basic tax-free allowance for inheritance has been fixed at £325,000 since 2009. Spouses are able to combine their allowances, meaning £650,000 is protected from the taxman.

But with the value of investments and property rising since the financial crash a decade ago, many more estates have become eligible to pay the tax. In Shropshire, HMRC data shows that around 110 estates paid the tax in 2009-10.

Across the West Midlands, 1,330 households were eligible to pay inheritance tax in 2015-16 – up from around 900 in 2009-10.

Between them, they paid £184 million into government coffers.

In April 2017, new legislation was passed to allow individuals a further tax-free allowance on a main home, but the delay in releasing local numbers means this has not yet had an impact on the HMRC figures.

Danny Cox, a chartered financial planner at Hargreaves Lansdown, said growth in the property market was the main driving factor behind more estates facing inheritance tax costs in the UK.

He added: "The threshold has been frozen since 2009, while asset prices for the stock market have gone up significantly since then, and so have property prices."

Four bed semi with large gardens and outstanding views

A truly unique four-bedroomed semi-detached country cottage, 2 Castle Cottages Nesscliffe, is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £325,000.

It is set within large well maintained gardens with spectacular views towards the Welsh border.

The property has been maintained to a high standard by the current owners and includes generous accommodation throughout, uPVC double glazing and oil fired central heating.

The property is situated in the picturesque hamlet of Kinton close to the larger village of Nesscliffe which has excellent links onto the A5.

In more detail it has a porch with a quarry tiled floor, a dining/living room with sliding patio doors to the front of the property and a door into the kitchen.

Fitted with high quality units, the kitchen was done in 2016, having oak style units, marble-effect worktops and tiled surrounds. It has a Neff double integrated fan assisted oven and grill, a four ring ceramic hob and extractor hood above. The utility room includes space and plumbing for a washing machine with a worktop over. There is a cloakroom/WC nearby.

The lounge has an open fire with a brick surround, a quarry tiled hearth and mantle. There is also an inner hall with storage cupboards and a bathroom off with a three piece suite.

Bedroom one has a double wardrobe. There are three further bedrooms and a shower room.

The gardens of this property are one of its most notable features, having been maintained to the highest of standards by the current owners.

The property is approached over a tarmac driveway which is flanked by the main gardens which have been laid to lawn with a host of flowering beds, mature shrubs and trees all enclosed by hedgerows. There is an extensive paved patio area leading onto a further seating area enclosed by a pergola.

KEY FEATURES

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17th century home offers highly flexible accommodation

HOPE
£725,000

Little Hope, at Hope, Leighton near Welshpool is a 17th century cottage that has undergone a large extension.

Currently run as a bed and breakfast business, its flexible layout means it also provides for two co-habiting families, with separate quarters. In a design which flows with exceptional clarity and focus as a property with an option for two halves, it is for sale through Balfours at £725,000.

The main cottage comprises a porch, a large sitting room with an inglenook fireplace, woodburner and French doors. Adjacent is the library with glazing and views to two aspects and the study – a cosy hideaway. The morning room is the central point of the ground floor from which the stairs ascend to three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Beyond the morning room, the dining room is partially open plan to the kitchen, achieving a fabulous social space



with sleek contemporary fixtures in the kitchen. A second study, cloakroom/WC and utility complete the ground floor accommodation.

Duncan Scobie of Balfours, said: "Evelyn and Mike Gregory have nurtured Little Hope to create a fresh and spacious home, together with a highly successful bed and breakfast business. The latter is run as Long Mountain Bed and Breakfast, which has received many awards and certificates of excellence, from Visit Wales and Trip Adviser. The guest accommodation reflects this, it provides three spacious double bedrooms, one with an en-suite bathroom and the other two with en-suite shower rooms. A large guest dining/lounge spanning nearly six metres square and an independent guest kitchen allow the guest accommodation to be run totally separately; or for an extended family to enjoy."

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



Stunning farmhouse enjoys superb views over valley

LLANRHAEDR
£400,000 >>>

Clynog, Llanrhaedr Ym Mochnant near Oswestry is a stunning Grade II listed farmhouse in an elevated position.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £400,000.

The property is situated on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Llanrhaedr-ym-Mochnant close to the confluence of the rivers Tanat and Rhaeadr in the stunning Berwyn Mountains and near Pistyll Rhaeadr.

The property has a reception hall, music room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen lounge, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, coal house, gallery landing, a loft storage room, integral garage, gun room, five first floor bedrooms, a family bathroom, five attic rooms, large gardens and an orchard/paddock.

Call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 for more details about the home or to arrange a viewing.



Detached house with valley views comes with a large decked area

GARTH
£374,950 <<<

An individual detached house with valley views and first floor open plan living, Tyn-Y-Pistyll at Garth, Glyn Ceiriog, comes with a large timber decked area, landscaped gardens and woodland.

It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £374,950. Briefly the property comes with three bedrooms, a shower room and a bathroom.

A turning timber-built staircase rises up from the entrance hall to the upper level lobby with a tiled floor and external door to the rear.

Access leads through to the living area which has a multi-fuel stove fitted to the slate built fireplace, being dual aspect with a large picture window to the rear and concealed radiators. An open plan approach leads through to the dining/kitchen.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more information.

Home occupies quiet elevated cul-de-sac position in village

PANT £350,000 >>>

Occupying a quiet elevated cul-de-sac position within the village of Pant near Oswestry, 3 Edwards Close is convenient for local facilities such as modern primary school, post office and shop, pub and renowned golf club .

3 Edwards Close is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £350,000.

The home is an individually designed detached four bedroomed house.

The property has a spacious entrance hall, living room, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility and cloakroom. The master bedroom is ensuite and there are three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has a double garage and ample parking.

There are gardens to the front and a patio and garden to the rear.

For more details contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437.



Town centre house has an abundance of superb features

OSWESTRY £425,000

Appeal exudes from this charming Grade II listed house in Oswestry town centre.

This flexi four or six bedroom home, with or without a self-contained flat, has an abundance of features.

The entrance hall of Ty Gwyn, 57 Willow Street, opens to a sitting room and library.

These are two of the three reception rooms, each with feature fireplace.

The sitting room with open timber frame reveals the staircase behind.

To the rear of the house are the open plan kitchen and living room, with French doors to the garden.

Ground floor accommodation also provides a utility, conservatory and wc.

Ascend to the first floor where there are three/four bedrooms with three en-suites.



True decadence is to be found in the master bedroom which enjoys its own roof terrace.

Rise again and currently the second floor is configured as a self-contained flat.

However, this could be reinstated to two separate rooms should the purchaser wish.

Agent Charlie Giffard adds: "This is a gem for anyone seeking a town house, which even accommodates garage and parking."

Ty Gwyn, is marketed with a guide price of £425,000 by Balfours.

For more information about the property people can call Balfours on 01743 353511.



Detached Victorian period family home has large garden

OSWESTRY £450,000 <<<

A detached Victorian period family home, Leeswood in Morda Road, Oswestry lies in a popular location within easy walking distance of the town centre.

Coming with a large garden including a former tennis court, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £450,000.

The accommodation briefly comprises a porch, entrance hallway, lounge, morning room, sun room, dining room, cloakroom/shower room, five bedrooms, two being en-suite, an impressive main bathroom, three spacious reception rooms, a hand made kitchen and utility room, a driveway, detached garage and gardens.

In more detail the entrance hallway has a herringbone woodblock floor, panelled walls and a traditional spindled staircase.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more details and to arrange a viewing.



Be aware of dangerous plants in the garden

THE summer brings a wealth of outdoor activities for children, including exploring the nooks and crannies of their own gardens.

But there could potentially be toxic plants around every corner, from monkshood and laburnum, to hemlock, aquilegia, autumn crocus (colchicum autumnale), lords-and-ladies and hellebores.

These are all common plants you might find in your garden or in a hedgerow, and all have different levels of toxicity.

The amount you would have to ingest to do real damage varies from plant to plant.

Gardeners tend to be more at risk from touching a plant which may cause a skin irritation from its sap, or an allergic reaction.

A small number of plants may also cause the skin to be excessively sensitive to strong sunlight, resulting in severe localised sunburn and blistering.

Giant hogweed (Heracleum mantegazzianum) and garden rue (Ruta graveolens) cause a phototoxic reaction. Irritation, pain and blisters result from exposure to plant sap in bright sunlight.

Curious children may also put flowers or leaves into their mouths which are poisonous.

Many plants give off their own warning signs. Some have an unpleasant taste which reduces the likelihood of a dangerous quantity being eaten, while others just do not look edible.

Here are five of the most common toxic plants:

MONKSHOOD (ACONITUM)

Often planted under trees or spring-flowering shrubs at the back of a border, bearing tall spikes of helmeted flowers in blues and purples in the summer, all parts of the plant are poisonous and a skin irritant, causing burning of the lips and mouth, intense vomiting, diarrhoea and spasms.

Historically, monkshood was used by people to commit suicide by eating the leaves.

Hunters in the Amazon rainforest also poisoned the tips of their arrows with it to kill animals.

LAUREL

Many of us have laurel in our gardens – it belongs to the family that includes apple, cherry, plum and almond.

But be warned that when you chop your laurel hedge the sap gives off an unbelievably soporific effect and you may fall asleep.

FOXGLOVE (DIGITALIS) – pictured top

Both the wild and hybrid varieties produce tall spikes bearing bell-like flowers in a

variety of colours, and are often grown in partial shade, reaching heights of up to two metres (6ft). All parts of the plant are poisonous.

GLORY LILY (GLORIOSA SUPERBA) – pictured bottom

These beautiful summer-flowering climbers, producing red flowers with yellow tips, are often grown on a south-facing patio or in a sunny, sheltered spot.

But their beauty belies their toxicity and every part of the plant – particularly the corm – is poisonous.

RUE (RUTA GRAVEOLENS)

A native of the Balkans, this plant with pretty yellow flowers was historically grown as a medicinal plant known for its anti-bacterial, anti-viral and anti-inflammatory properties.

However, its herbal uses may become insignificant if you get sap on your skin, which in sunlight can cause a blistering reaction which can last for weeks.

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

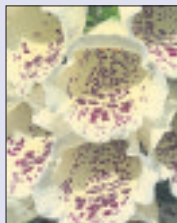
If you think your child has eaten part of a poisonous plant or suffered an allergic reaction to it, don't panic.

Seek medical attention from the accident and emergency department of your local hospital, taking a plant sample with you, the RHS advises.

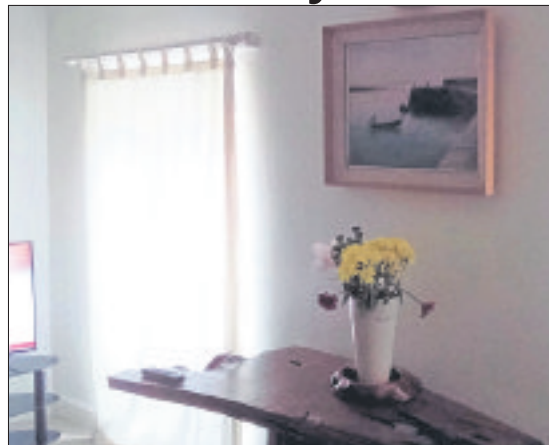
The main message from the charity is that you should be aware of the plants which are toxic.

Importantly, teach your children that if it isn't a recognised food, don't eat it.

A full list of poisonous plants is available at the rhs.org.uk



Don't lose your cool if heatwave gets unbearable



Close your curtains and keep your home cool during daylight

ALTHOUGH the heat in the home may be unbearable with this prolonged hot weather there is much householders can do so as not to lose their cool.

Energy expert Ron Fox suggests seven ways to make life more pleasant now and three long-term plans ready for the next heatwave.

1. Sleep easy: Because hot air rises sleeping on the ground floor will be cooler. For those living in a ground-floor apartment make a bed on the floor. Also use cooler linen and cotton sheets rather than satin and silk ones and place them in a plastic bag in the freezer for a couple of minutes before putting them on the bed.

2. Don't bottle out: Filling a hot water bottle with cold water and then putting it in the freezer for a short time provides a perfect ice pack for sleepers.

3. Curtains to daylight: It may seem illogical to close the curtains and blinds during the day, but the sun coming through the windows heats the room up whereas shutting out the rays makes the home cooler. Don't open the windows during the day but at night to give the house a good airing when temperatures have dropped.

4. Don't get steamed up: If you have a shower to cool down ensure the water is tepid as rising steam makes the house hotter.

5. Make light work of electricity bills: Switch off all lights during the day and use the sunlight.

Light bulbs give off heat so switch to low energy light bulbs which produce less heat.

6. Log off: The same is true of electronic devices such as laptops, which also generate warmth. Also do not charge them overnight so as to keep the home cooler. Switching them all off reduces the heat and your energy bill. Finally, make sure the backs of fridges and freezers have plenty of ventilation space as these appliances can pump a lot of unnecessary heat into a residence.

7. Be a fan of the fan: As hot air rises put your fan on the floor and point it upwards. Putting a bowl of icy water by the fan speeds up this cooling process.

"These are simple things to do now," said Mr Fox, of Noreus Ltd on the University of Keele Science and Innovation Park. "But householders should also consider three longer-term plans this summer in preparation for the next heat wave."

1. A whiter shade of pale: Painting the outside of your house white helps cool the house down as it reflects the sunlight.

2. Dig into the garden: Planting trees and shrubs around the home will provide much-needed shade and cooler temperatures.

3. Insulate your home: Many people think insulation only keeps the house warm. But it also helps keep the heat out once a room has cooled down.

Hot weather 'blessing in disguise' on allotment

Report by Hannah Stephenson

THE long, dry summer may have been a struggle for allotment holders battling to keep up with watering – but hot weather is also keeping some garden nuisances at bay.

As National Allotments Week beckons, horticultural expert and allotment holder Mike Thurlow, of the National Allotment Society, says there are some advantages of a hot, sunny summer to "grow your own" gangs nationwide, provided you keep your crops well watered.

FEWER APHIDS

"The heatwave seems to have slowed the insect population down. On the open ground, there haven't been as many aphids. We had a short burst of greenfly earlier on in the year, which came to nothing, and not much since then," he observes. "Just be aware that aphids have a second burst of activity towards the end of summer."

SLUGS HAVE GONE UNDERGROUND

"We haven't had as many slug and snail problems this year, as they're likely to have gone underground, but once it cools, there will be more, so you need to be vigilant when the rain arrives."

LESS BLIGHT

If you water erratically, your tomatoes may still succumb to blossom end rot (where they turn brown at the base and split). But the dryness of the weather will prevent blight, says Thurlow, because blight thrives in humid, damp weather, when the spores become mobile. Water your crops directly at soil level, taking the rose off the watering can if necessary, and give tomatoes and other plants one good soaking that you know will last a couple of days. When watering potatoes and tomatoes, try to keep the foliage as dry as you can.

EARLIER CROPS

Gardeners should be enjoying the fruits of their labour earlier than usual because of the heatwave, he says. Harvest your crops young before they bolt (set seed) and produce flowers, which many of them will be doing early because of the hot weather.

"If it looks good enough to eat, then cut it, because the next day it might run to seed," Thurlow advises.

CUT AND COME AGAIN

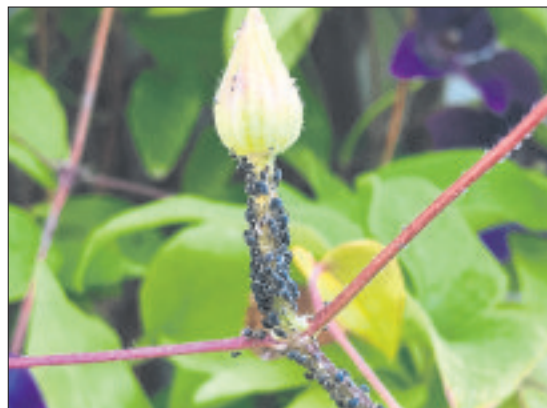
If you cut crops early, some may return for a second harvest, he predicts.

"Peas may have gone to seed prematurely, but if you cut them down they will regrow, so it may be worth considering leaving them in the ground – which you should do anyway, as they are a nitrogen source – but once the cooler weather kicks in and you keep the watering going, you may well catch a late crop."

"With brassicas – such as broccoli and winter cabbage – if you cut them and leave the stump in the ground, you get little flo-



The heatwave has brought its challenges for allotment holders, but there are benefits too



There are fewer aphids on plants due to the weather

rets coming off those. Then come October, you might have four little cabbages coming off that stump."

TASTIER CROPS

Provided watering is kept up, sun lovers (such as peppers) may have a more intense flavour, says Thurlow. "We may notice that we have more intense flavour in some produce, because they'll ripen in the heat-wave."

EARLY SOWING OPPORTUNITIES

Start sowing early varieties of carrot, beetroot and lettuce. Water along a drill

incorporating seaweed in the water. You never know how long it will be until the autumn weather. Plants which you sow now – brassicas such as spring cabbage and some kale – may have enough time to become established if the warm weather continues, to see them through winter.

Other plants such as Florence fennel, which would normally be sown later in the season, could be sown now and, although smaller, the bulbs may be ready by late October or November.

Prioritise crops which will take you



Slugs have gone underground to stay cool

through the winter. Brassicas will have been stressed with this weather – Brussels sprouts, broccoli, kale and winter cabbage. If you have crops which normally take longer to mature, harvest them while they are young.

"One of the major difficulties now is going to be your overwintering crops," says Thurlow. "You need to get them into a position where they will survive the winter without running to seed."

National Allotments Week runs from August 13 to 19. For details visit nsal.org.uk



As the schools break up many families will be heading abroad

Golden rules to avoid holiday misery abroad

There can be many unexpected costs while enjoying a family trip overseas but here are some tips to make sure you don't break the bank

With the schools still off for the summer, many families have been jetting off to enjoy some time in foreign climes.

But for some it can be enough of a financial battle just booking a break during a peak travel period without also bursting their budgets while abroad, writes Heather Large.

There can be many unexpected costs while spending time overseas but there are ways to sure your well-deserved holiday doesn't break the bank.

So, if you are going abroad in the future, here are eight common family money pitfalls you can avoid:

1. Charges and fees for paying on plastic – taking your credit card with you on holiday can save you from having to carry around wads of cash. But you need to watch out as many will charge you for using them abroad.

Before you go check if your credit card charges a fee each time you use it overseas. Take foreign currency but make sure to budget correctly or you will be left with no money by the end of your trip and withdrawing cash at an ATM abroad is also likely to involve a fee. But never leave buying your holiday money until you get to the airport. Head to the high street for the best exchange rates.

2. Food and drink prices on the plane – buying snacks on board can be expensive as they will certainly cost more than they would elsewhere.

So be savvy and take your own. Some airport restaurants now offer a 'carry-on' service, which can save some money – or at least give you better-quality food – or you can buy snacks once you're through passport control. It might still be expensive but you will have more choice than on

the plane.

3. High cost of attraction entry and organised excursions – before you leave home, check if there is a discount for booking tickets for attractions in advance online. Often this is much cheaper than buying them on the day of your visit. Also, look out for discounted packages to more than one location, and always check with your hotel and/or holiday rep about any savings you might be entitled to.

Some destinations sell tourist passes that provide 'free' admission to a range of attractions which can work out cheaper than buying individual tickets. Work out how much it will cost to buy tickets individually to all of the places on your wish list and see if the card will save you money.

4. Meal and drink prices in restaurants and bars – shop around, so you don't just eat and drink in the first place you see. Head off the beaten track and you might find somewhere for half the price. Avoid eating in the more touristy places as these are likely to be more expensive.

Moving away from these areas will also help to bring the cost down. You might also experience more authentic local cuisine rather than food catering for a tourist market.

5. Compulsory service charges on meal bills – we're fairly used to this on our own dining bills, but always check if the service charge has been included – and if it has you shouldn't need to leave a tip.

If it's not included and you want to leave one, check what the tipping customs are they differ greatly from country to country. This will stop you from paying too much.

6. Transport costs – always factor in getting to and from places. Those costs can really add up.

Check out local buses which will be cheaper than getting taxis.

Ask staff at your hotel for advice on the best and safest way to get to places on foot. They will often be able to provide a map, too.

7. Kids' beach extras – buckets and spades, lilos and ice creams – This is a tricky one, as these things are bulky and awkward to take with you.

Be prepared to shell out a bit, but if you have inflatables that you can pack flat, and maybe the odd plastic spade, it will save you in the long run.

8. Unexpected visa charges and tourist taxes – this is all about knowledge.

Make sure you've read up on any visas needed to visit a country so you know exactly what to expect.

Again, factor in these charges when working out how much currency you need for your trip.



Always check if a service charge has been included on a meal

Kit prices are a kick in the teeth for fans



Buying kits for your favourite football team is a costly business

THE average price of a replica Premier League kit has soared over £100 for the first time as fans are asked to dig deeper than ever to support their team.

It is no secret that following top flight football – or any English professional football for that matter – is not an endeavour for the cash-strapped.

Once you've bought your match ticket, a programme and a pre-match pie and a pint, you'll be lucky get change out of £50 – and that's at the cheaper end of the Premier League spectrum.

If you want to look the part, the price rockets, with shirt prices now more expensive than ever before.

The new Manchester United kit, revealed with great pomp and ceremony at an event last week, tops the price charts at £116.85 based on a basic adult short-sleeved shirt, shorts and socks.

However, die-hard fans (or those with more money than sense) can get their hands on a fully printed "authentic" kit – the same one worn by players on matchdays – providing they are willing to shell out £182.85.

According to the club it's special because of the inclusion of a train-track detail – a homage to the railwaymen of Newton Heath, which was the club's original name – to mark the Red Devils' 140th year.

Fans will make their own minds up.

Expensive

Other top clubs are also asking supporters to break the bank for kits.

Tottenham's new strip costs £110, Chelsea's is £109.85 and Arsenal's is £92. At £112, Liverpool's New Balance effort is the second most expensive of them all.

While the average cost of a basic top-flight kit this season comes in at £94.08, it breaks the £100 barrier when additions such as numbers and names on the back are applied.

Wolves popular new Adidas shirt – which sold out of its first batch in no time – comes in as one of the cheapest in the division at £49.

The full adult kit costs £86 at the Molineux club shop.

Southampton's Under Armour match shirt is the costliest stand-alone of the lot, coming in at a total of £118 when names, numbers and badges are added.

Burnley's new strip represents the best value in the Premier League, coming in at a total of £75 – with the shirt on its own costing £45.

The reasonable pricing is no accident, with the Clarets actively trying to keep prices low.

Report by Pete Madeley

The club said in a statement: "Burnley Football Club prides itself on being a community club and our commitment to keeping prices as low as possible reflects this."

The statement continued: "We have some of the cheapest season ticket prices in the Premier League and one of the cheapest matchday programmes, so the kit is just another way of hopefully giving something back to our loyal fan base."

Maybe some Championship clubs could do with taking a leaf out of Burnley's book.

Aston Villa's smart new kit – designed by Walsall-based Villa fan Luke Roper – will set fans back £87, while Albion's retro Puma strip is £85.

League One Shrewsbury Town's new home shirt costs, in context, a reasonable £39.99 for adults and £29.99 for juniors.

Stoke City's home shirt costs £45 for adults and £35 for juniors.

Prices

Despite the prices – and many of this year's kits have gone up in price from 2017-18 – the Football Supporters' Federation (FSF) maintain strip prices are far from one of the most popular criticisms raised by fans.

"The cost of kits can add up, especially if you have kids, and it would make sense for manufacturers to add a 'use by' date," a spokesman said.

"That way supporters or parents know exactly what they're getting and can make a decision as to whether the price tag is worth it."

"However, kits aren't an essential item in the way that tickets are, so this isn't an issue that a lot of fans approach the FSF to campaign on."

The FSF statement will raise eyebrows in some quarters, particularly the part about kits not being "an essential item".

Try telling that to the dad who has to deal with little Tommy demanding he spends a day's wages on a full junior kit.

As for the "use by date" idea, it appears to be rather pointless considering that the vast majority of – if not all – clubs change their strips every season as a matter of course.

It is worth remembering that the FSF only speaks for a small minority of fans, and social media has been full of supporters venting their frustration about rising kit prices.

One thing we should all have learned by now, is to never be surprised at football's excesses.



It has been a very busy summer already for firefighters, who have helped across the country

Tireless firefighters fantastic to work with

Chief Superintendent Kevin Purcell pays tribute to our fire service, tackles the issue of domestic violence and provides holiday advice

We work very closely with Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service. They really are exceptional colleagues.

I met with some of their senior leaders, including head of prevention, protection and response Kevin Faulkner, recently to discuss how we can work together in a number of areas, including how we make sure we are protecting those who are most vulnerable.

It was a privilege to meet with them and I have to say I'm very proud to be associated with the fire and rescue service we have here in Shropshire.

It is a relatively small fire service in comparison but the contribution our firefighters make is astounding. The warmer weather has brought some additional challenges in particular the prolonged moorside fires at Saddleworth Moor in Tameside and Winter Hill near Bolton.

I know some of our colleagues in Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service assisted both Greater Manchester and Lancashire in their response and am grateful for this. We can all do our bit to help. Shropshire is a beautiful county with some fantastic countryside – let's keep it that way. If you're having a barbecue be mindful of where you're lighting it and don't leave it unattended.

● Did you know you can find out if a new partner has a history of domestic abuse? The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme – known as Clare's Law – was launched four years ago and is a scheme that lets people find out if their partner has a history of domestic violence.

It's intended to protect someone from being a victim of an attack and followed the tragic death of Clare Wood who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend in her home in Salford in 2009. It

allows police to disclose information on request about a partner's previous history of domestic violence or violent acts.

Anyone can make an application under the scheme, it doesn't need to be your partner – even if you're concerned about a relative, neighbour or friend you can apply. However, it's important to know you might not necessarily receive the information – this will be disclosed to whoever is in the best position to protect someone from abuse. To find out more visit our website westmercia.police.uk.

Victims of domestic abuse are often some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. We know when victims make the brave step to come forward and report an incident to us it is unfortunately usually not the first time they have been abused by someone they love and trust. In fact, victims often suffer multiple times before they do contact police.

Domestic abuse is not just physical, any behaviour where someone repeatedly behaves in a way which makes their victim feel controlled, threatened or intimidated is domestic abuse. It is a pattern of behaviour that seeks to take away the victims freedom and it is a crime.

I want to reassure anyone who is a victim of domestic abuse that when they speak to us we will do all we can to make sure they are protected from the person who is causing them harm, there is help and support available through many different organisations and we can help put them in contact with these.

No-one should suffer in silence. Officers have been trained to deal with the sensitivities around domestic abuse from independent domestic vi-

olence advisors who are experts in this area.

Our absolute priority is working with victims to ensure the best possible outcome for them and that they are protected from harm. If you are a victim of domestic abuse please let us know so that we can help you.

● It is the school summer holidays – a great time for children who I've no doubt are enjoying an extended break.

If you've got children make sure you know where they are and what they're doing when they're out and make sure they know what's acceptable behaviour and what's not. Even if they're your little angel when in the house it could all change when they're out with their mates.

In my many years of policing I've lost count of the amount of times I've heard parents blame other children for their son or daughter's behaviour when the truth is they can all get a bit carried away when they're out with a group of friends.

Managing the different demands on policing is one of the biggest challenges we're facing at the moment and our priority has to be helping those who need us the most and I hope people recognise and support us in that.

On that same note, over the past few weeks we've seen an increase in the number of 999 and 101 calls we've received, please only ring 999 in an emergency and 101 about immediate policing issues.

If you want to talk to an officer about something in your local area that isn't urgent you can always contact your safer neighbourhood officer direct.

'Our absolute priority is working with victims'

Trailblazing surgery to fix Lottie's heart



Pauline Daley with Lottie, whose forthcoming operation will cost around £12,000

LOTTIE the Labrador was born with an unusual heart defect – but will now go through world-leading surgery to fix it.

The Shropshire puppy's owner Pauline Daley said the operation to replace a missing wall between two atriums in her heart was breaking new ground in the canine world.

The surgery, which includes borrowing from techniques used in human babies, is set to be carried out by the Royal Veterinary College at a cost of £12,000.

Pauline, who has launched an appeal to help pay for the trail-blazing surgery, said Lottie had shown no symptoms.

It was only when getting her pet spayed that vets told her and her hus-

Report by Mat Growcott

confirmed she doesn't have a dividing wall between her two top atriums.

"It is incredibly rare. They get holes in the heart, but they had never seen such a large void before.

"Her heart on the right side is grossly enlarged because it is under such immense strain. "The blood is going in and oxygenated blood and non-oxygenated blood is getting mixed up.

"You wouldn't know she has a problem, she's not showing any clinical signs yet. But vets said it won't be long until she is."

The surgery will give vets the chance to push the bar for this kind of work, paving the way for dogs with similar conditions to have similar operations.

"The vets have been talking to the Royal Brompton Hospital paediatrics ward, and are working alongside those who carry out the procedure in babies," said Pauline.

"It's about making a wall and patching any gaps with a Gore-Tex material.

"It has a very high success rate in babies. "The surgery gives a unique opportunity to do more research in open heart surgery in dogs. It will move things along leaps and bounds.

"We've been told she won't survive without the operation.

"People in a similar situation might feel like there is no chance, but there's lots of hope if you push for it and it's moved forward.

"I've been in shock since March, when we found out. I've been beside myself thinking we're going to lose the puppy.

"She's family to us but with the surgery it's as if all of a sudden someone has told us our daughter is going to be fine."

Campaign

Retired sales manager Pauline, 58, lives in Malpas, just north of Whitechurch, with Paul, 63.

The couple have launched a campaign to help raise the £12,000 needed to save Lottie's life.

Through the Lottie Daley Facebook page, they are also sharing updates about her condition and have also started a crowdfunding page.

Vets and kennels are helping with the fundraising efforts, and £780 has been raised so far through JustGiving.

"It's humbling," Pauline said. "It breaks my heart that we have to do it, but it makes me so grateful.

"I can't tell people how grateful we are." Go to justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lottie-daley to donate.



Lottie is not expected to survive unless she has the pioneering surgery

band, Paul, something was wrong that they knew how bad the situation really was.

"We were devastated," she said.

"She's full of life and playful but the vets said they didn't know how she was functioning.

"They did the imaging on her heart and we were absolutely floored. Lottie went down to specialists in London and they



Children should be encouraged to look beyond the surface of things

Boredom is often a time when inspiration comes and children start to work things out for themselves

Why it could be good for your child to be bored

By Lisa Salmon

THERE aren't many parents who haven't heard their child utter the immortal phrase "I'm bored".

But instead of desperately scrambling to entertain them, parents should welcome their child's boredom, suggests Lauren Child, the author and illustrator who created the much-loved Charlie and Lola books.

Child believes daydreaming or just staring into space can foster creativity, which is vital for children's development.

"Don't be afraid to allow your child to be bored," she stresses.

"Boredom is often a time when inspiration comes and when children start to work things out for themselves."

Child, the Waterstones Children's Laureate who also gave young readers the Clarice Bean and Ruby Redfort books, has launched a campaign, called Staring Into Space.

Through this, she is urging parents and teachers to foster creative thinking in children by helping them spend some time simply looking, listening, staring into space and making things.

Creative thinking, she says, helps children to problem solve, and understand who they are and how they relate to others and the world.

"It is now widely recognised that creativity is as important as literacy or numeracy, and that allowing ourselves the time, space and freedom to be creative is essential for good mental health. Sometimes we need to stare into space."

Here are her top five suggestions for inspiring creativity.

1. Stop... and think about nothing

Try, with your child, to take 15 minutes every day to put things down - work, laptop, toys - and just think about nothing and allow your mind to clear.

"For me, this is when I get most of my ideas and when thoughts are allowed to collide," explains Child.

Parents should sometimes let kids just stare into space, she says, simply allowing their minds to drift and daydream. "Daydreaming is connected to creativity and allows ideas space to emerge and play."

2. Phones down for everyone!

"We need to try and put our phones down as parents so children can see we're doing this and leaving our phones for a while. The benefit of this is again to have time to clear our minds but also to communicate with people face-to-face."

"Often, we miss kind and everyday interactions with people because we're so busy looking at our devices."

Child suggests everyone in the family



If your child suggests doing something creative, react to them immediately

tries not to have phones or devices with them at mealtimes so texts or e-mails, however urgent they may seem, aren't interrupting conversations. Instead, the time can be used to share ideas and thoughts.

"How can we persuade ourselves that it's worth the effort to look away? That when we turn our attention wholly away from the device, we will be rewarded?" asks Child.

"I am trying to train myself to put my phone away and out of mind until it's really needed: no idle texting, no calls, no checking Instagram or e-mails, and the camera only to be used when I see something I feel I truly want to keep. In truth, it's hard. But I am convinced it's worth it."

3. Don't delay creativity

If your child suggests doing something creative, try and react to them immediately. Part of you wants to say 'not now' and 'please don't make a mess', but try to see this as time for bonding and communication.

Child says that if her daughter, Tuesday, wants to do some cooking or make something, "I always try to go along with this if we've got the ingredients and the things we need,

even if we've only got 10 minutes.

"I think this can make a big difference. As a child, your enthusiasm wanes if someone says, we can do that later or next weekend."

4. Look carefully

Child suggests walking outside, looking at things and discussing them with your child.

"It sounds really obvious, but often we're trying to get somewhere and don't take the time."

"My daughter and I often discuss things we see dropped on the street or we take pictures of buildings and then zoom in on the patterns and go home and try and sketch them."

5. Try making sculptures from toast

Child has worked with arts and crafts teacher Josey Scullard and BookTrust to outline six creative resources, linked to children's books, for children to try. One of these is making toast sculptures, inspired by A World of Your Own by Laura Carlin which encourages readers to look beyond the surface of things and see them in a different way.



Children's Laureate Lauren Child

"So here is a chance to look and think in an upside down, inside out sort of way," Child tells young creators.

"You could lie on the floor and imagine the ceiling as your floor. Look at the small things in your pockets, bags, or on the shelves; what other things could they be? Let your imagination run riot."

As kids' ideas grow, they will be ready to start building their world out of toast - stale, slightly toasted works best.

To create the toast sculptures, first sketch your ideas and then use about four pieces of toast, cut into a smaller size if you like, to make walls.

Think beyond the average size and shape of a piece of toast, and try bending it to make curves and twists, or cut it into small pieces for bricks or cladding.

Use pastry cutters or bottle tops to cut windows and doors (they don't have to be square, they can be circles or hearts).

Finally, attach the toast together by pushing cocktail sticks through both pieces, and snip off the ends of the sticks if they're poking out.

Flat pieces could even be stuck together carefully with a little golden syrup.

Potent health benefits of superfood mushrooms

CULTURES around the world have been harnessing the healing powers of the humble mushroom for thousands of years, writes Liz Connor.

They've long been a staple of traditional Chinese medicine, while the pharaohs of Egypt prized mushrooms so highly they decreed only royalty could eat them.

Nobody knows how many types of fleshy fungi exist in nature - there are about 10,000 described species, but mycologists suspect that this is only a fraction of what's out there.

Whether sprinkled on pizza or diced into a bolognese, these fungal organisms are a pretty common part of our western diet, but while you might be au fait with the likes of Portabello, Shiitaki and Chanterelle, there are plenty of medicinal varieties that you perhaps haven't yet heard of.

Here, we've picked out four superfood mushrooms being hailed as quiet achievers in the health and supplement industry, that any health buff worth their kale smoothie should really know about.

1. Lion's Mane

This hairy mushroom gets its peculiar name from its appearance, which bears a resemblance to (yep, you guessed it) a lion's bushy mane. This bearded shroom grows on broad-leaf trees in temperate areas of North America, Europe, and Asia, although it is rare to find in the wild.

So what magical properties does it possess? "Studies have shown that Lion's Mane mushrooms can help to improve cognitive function and ease symptoms of anxiety and depression," says Emily Hedgman, a spokesperson from Link Nutrition (linknutrition.com). In addition to helping enhance brain function, Hedgman explains that Lion's Mane can also help to support the heart and circulatory system, improve digestive health and reduce inflammation.

2. Chaga

The Chaga mushroom has been slowly gaining popularity in the west for its broad range of life-boosting benefits. It's been used for hundreds of years in Siberia and Asia, where they cut or grind dried Chaga and steep it in hot water, releasing its bioactive compounds into a mild tea. These hardy mushrooms mainly grow on the outside of birch trees in colder climates and have a lumpy exterior that makes them look similar to a piece of charcoal.

"Chaga mushrooms are most impressive for their high antioxidant content whilst also being high in fibre and naturally occurring beta-glucans," says Hedgman. "According to a study published in the World Journal of Gastroenterology, Chaga extract may also be able to prevent liver cancer cell growth - although more research needs to be done."

3. Reishi

This flat fan-shaped mushroom, also known as 'King of the Mushrooms', has been utilised for more than two thousand years in Asia, where its effects were so powerful, it was thought by some to grant immortality.

"Reishi, which is considered to be an adaptogen, is strongly anti-inflammatory and has uses tied to longevity, better immune function, and mental clarity," says Hedgman. Adaptogens, if you haven't already heard, help us to deal with the negative effects of stress, such as depleted energy levels and various types of hormonal imbalances.

4. Cordyceps

"Cordyceps is an anti-ageing, energy-boosting mushroom found in the Himalayas, that many experts claim can boost aerobic capacity and improve stamina," says Hedgman. These impressive mushrooms are known for their natural ability to fight free radicals, infections, and inflammation.

"Cordyceps have also been used for centuries to reduce symptoms of respiratory disorders, coughs, colds, liver damage and more," she adds.

If you don't fancy popping them in supplement form, Cordyceps have a mild flavour and can be stirred into a variety of dishes including soups, stir-fries and casseroles.

Get creative in the kitchen - both your body and your mind will thank you.



Demand for retail slack but offices in demand

MUCH of the West Midlands' retail sector is under pressure, but demand for office space now surpasses the capital, according to the Q2 2018 RICS UK Commercial Property Market survey.

The quarterly survey results are showing that the retail sector continues to struggle in contrast with the region's industrial and office sector, where momentum remains relatively firm.

In the West Midlands, demand for commercial property, at the headline level, was flat, primarily driven by retail. The retail sector saw the greatest decline this quarter, with 42 per cent more respondents noting a fall in demand.

Industrial units continue to be the most sought after in the West Midlands with interest from prospective tenants rising for the 24th successive quarter.

Looking at the West Midlands' office market, demand continues to grow with respondents now reporting more interest in West Midlands' office space than they do in both Central and Greater London. With anecdotal evidence suggesting more people are moving out of the capital, the Q2 data supports this as 79% more respondents regard commercial property prices as 'fair value' in the region; higher than the UK and London readings.

Looking at availability across the sectors, respondents reported no new uplift in the availability of offices with development starts also flat. This is the second successive report where respondents have reported no change in supply in the West Midlands office sector. In contrast, as the number of empty retail units becomes increasingly visible, the Q2 data reflects this in the availability of space, with 40% more respondents reporting a rise in the availability of retail units. Once again, there is a reported lack of good quality industrial/logistic units. Given the fall in interest in retail units, it is unsurprising that retail rents are predicted to fall in the coming 12 months in the area. Whilst the pressure is more intense on secondary retail, the prime retail indicator remains in negative territory for the second successive quarter. By way of contrast, rents for prime office space are expected to increase.

Honey firm is buzzing at latest success

BORDERS honey producer, Hilltop Honey, has some sweet success to share as it secures its first listing with retail giant, Morrisons.

It has launched five products launched into the Health & Wellbeing section of the supermarket.

This takes the company's contracts with major retail up to three, including Tesco, Sainsbury's and now Morrisons.

Customers of Morrisons can now choose from the following selection of honeys: Organic Limeflower, Organic Honeydew, Spanish Thyme, Mexican Yucatan and Uruguayan Eucalyptus.

The launch comes at a similar time to the business updating some of its honey labels to offer greater consumer transparency.

The Hilltop Honey Speciality Range, a collection of worldwide honeys of unique flavours, will now specifically include country of origin on every jar.

This is the company's first step to committing to a country of origin and working towards better supply chains from these countries.

Scott Davies, managing director of Hilltop Honey, said: "We thrive off innovating and exciting the honey category for the enjoyment of our customers. We have listened carefully to consumers in the grocery market who have voiced a greater awareness towards food and drink provenance and traceability.

"This consumer insight has made us re-think our honey labelling design and to make changes to our speciality range to better inform our customers on the honey they are purchasing. Consumers can now pick up a jar of honey from our speciality range with full confidence that they know exactly where it has come from."

He added: "We are continually assessing market trends and listening to research insight to help us evaluate our business performance and to ensure we're constantly improving, innovating, and stimulating the honey market."

Union vows to fight for factory workers



190 jobs are under threat at Stadco

A UNION has vowed to fight to ensure 190 workers at a factory facing closure are given the chance to move to another of the company's sites.

Casting firm Stadco, which has bases in Telford and Llanfyllin near Oswestry, is proposing to close its Shrewsbury factory in Harlescott by the middle of next year.

The firm said it aims to move all 190 workers to its other plants, which include Castle Bromwich in the West Midlands.

However, Unite regional officer Matt Jones said it is a "worrying" time for employees and their families.

"The news that Stadco, a major employer in Shrewsbury, is proposing to close its base in the town, is a very significant blow to the local economy," he said.

"Unite will be holding urgent talks with the management about the future of the 190-strong workforce. The firm says there will be employment opportunities for the staff at its three neighbouring sites across the region.

"However, we will want to explore, during the 45-day consultation period, exactly how feasible relocation to the company's other sites will be for workers and what support may be available from the company to make that happen. We will also be asking for details as to the business rationale for this closure. Unite will be supporting its members to the maximum extent in the days and weeks ahead at what is a very challenging and worrying time for employees and their families."

The company, which is owned by American firm Magna, believes shutting the Shrewsbury factory is the best approach to respond to "challenging market conditions".

In a statement the Michigan based firm said: "In recent years, Magna has pursued increased operational efficiencies and decreased costs across all its operations, all while strengthening its market presence. The company believes this is the best approach to position the overall business for growth and respond to the challenging market conditions. Plant management is currently in discussions with its customer as well as the works council."

Shrewsbury MP Daniel Kawczynski is hoping to meet Stadco directors shortly.

Support is out there for the unemployed



The shutters may have come down at Toys R Us but the message from recruiters to staff who have lost their jobs is not to panic

"DON'T panic" – that is the message to the thousands of people who are losing their jobs due to the current crisis on the high street.

Shane Hawkins, managing director of Shropshire-based C2 Recruitment, said there is support out there for people that may be affected which can help get people back into work quickly.

It comes during a tragic seven months for retailers, which has seen Maplin and Toys R Us officially go under.

Elsewhere, Mothercare, House of Fraser and New Look have announced store closures.

And it seems inevitable dozens more will likely follow with CVAs – a type of insolvency agreement that allows firms to renegotiate costs without closing down.

But Mr Hawkins, whose own company in Shrewsbury has set up its own careers helpline, said: "People should not panic. There are good recruitment agencies out there offering lots of advice and support."

"A lot of shops are sitting empty and all of people are losing their jobs with businesses like House of Fraser closing their stores. There is a lot of uncertainty and understandably people are worried."

"There are still lots of jobs but there are also lots of candidates. People are wondering what to do. Many may not have had an

BUSINESS

Report by James Pugh

interview for many years or even have a CV. My advice would be to do a lot of research about where they want to work, what companies are doing well, and put together a clever and well thought out application."

Retail employees have lots of transferable skills and certainly in the case of C2 Recruitment we are finding lots of people are looking at other related sectors such as hospitality or leisure.

Experts say retailers are battling a 'perfect storm' of pressures and they expect more closures in 2018. Mr Hawkins said: "Why are there problems on the high street? A lot of companies have a bigger online presence and need less people in stores."

"Customers and consumers have become quite savvy and shop around for the best deals. They look on three or four sites, compare prices and buy online."

"Supermarkets are strong particularly within discount, the luxury market is doing well. It is the middle market which is affected."

"Another reason is the mismanagement of senior bosses. They have held off and not moved with the times or jumped on the bandwagon of the internet and this has had a major effect on their profits."

C2 Recruitment, based on Shrewsbury Business Park, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The company specialises in retail, hospitality and leisure across all levels. Mr Hawkins added: "I started the business myself back in 2008 in what was also a challenging time. Although we are tucked away in little old Shrewsbury we have managed to make a real name for ourselves within the industry and we have continued to grow year on year."

Countdown commences on business grant funding



Colin Derbyshire and Kevin Taylor of CV Rollers, with Caroline Cattle, MBIG programme manager

BUSINESSES looking to re-vamp their buildings to facilitate growth are being urged to take advantage of a grant scheme as soon as possible in order to complete their build projects before its conclusion in June 2019.

The Marches Building Investment Grant (MBIG) allows businesses across The Marches to apply for grants of up to £100,000 to facilitate extensions, renovations or reconfigurations that will support business growth and create

jobs. It was launched in 2017 with support from the European Regional Development Fund and the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

To date, the scheme has awarded businesses across the region £750,000 but with all projects needing to be completed with the next 12 months, programme manager Caroline Cattle is urging any business owner who is yet to progress their application to avoid further delay.

She said: "The tangible difference that this scheme can make to businesses across Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin has already been proven. Manufacturing

sites have been extended; showrooms have been reconfigured; and warehouses have been transformed."

"Importantly, new jobs have been created with many more safeguarded for the region. It was always our aim that this scheme should create 130 new jobs and we're already half-way to that figure."

"However, the terms of the scheme are such that all supported building work must be completed by June 2019."

"That makes now the ideal time to get an application in so that all the necessary paperwork, planning and construction can be realised in good time."



The entrance to the storehouse at the Guinness factory



The Guinness brewery was opened at St Patrick's Gate in 1759

A perfect weekend of pampering and luxury



SCORCHING sunshine, a luxury hotel with a spa, and a quaint city to explore is the perfect recipe for a long relaxing weekend away, writes JORDAN REYNOLDS.

So I jumped at the chance to visit Lancaster House Hotel in Bailrigg, Lancaster, with my other half.

The hotel is based just off the M6, far enough away for peace and quiet but close enough to be easily accessible.

As we pulled up in the car park we saw a wedding party was having photos outside the front, but this was only once of two times we saw the party – or heard them.

We checked into the hotel and were directed to our room, while my history buff boyfriend admired the old pictures on the walls. The room had views overlooking the countryside, TV, seating areas, huge bed and luckily a fan to cool the room as it was almost 30 degrees.

But my favourite part was the bathroom. Similar to what would be my dream bathroom, it featured a spacious waterfall shower and one of the biggest baths I've ever seen, all filled with Elemis products.

We unpacked and decided to have a walk around the grounds, which we realised were very close to Lancaster University's campus but most of the students had gone home for the year.

We headed to the bar and had a drink sat in the sunshine, before sitting down to dinner inside The Foodworks Restaurant.

We shared a bottle of Merlot and had olives and feta to nibble on while we waited for our shared main.

I'm a big steak fan so we decided to go for something we'd never had before – a 16oz chateaubriand for two, which was on the restaurant's signature dishes section.

The steak came out and was sliced in front of us before being divided between us along with chunky chips, salad, mushrooms and tomatoes.

It was one of the best steaks we've ever had for definite, something we were very glad we tried.

For me it was just enough, but my boyfriend, who has a much bigger appetite, was left wanting more.

For dessert I had a minted chocolate pot, I always go for something chocolatey and ended up having it twice over the weekend, while my boyfriend went for a cheese board.

We settled down for an early night ready for our breakfast buffet in the morning.

After stuffing ourselves with a full English breakfast, along with pastries and cereal we headed to the spa.

In the Sandpiper Club we were shown to separate rooms where I had a facial – using Elemis products – a body scrub and then a back, neck and shoulder massage. I love being pampered and I left the room glowing and relaxed, ready to dip in the pool.

My other half headed to the gym while I settled outside on a sun lounger with my book, relaxed in the outdoor jacuzzi and had a quick swim, before nipping into the sauna and steam room.

There was plenty to do in the spa, but it was time for lunch and we chose to sit outside before catching a bus into Lancaster to explore.

The city was quiet as students had finished for the summer, so we headed to the medieval prison and I took some Instagram-worthy pics before we explored a bit inside.

We found a canal-side pub and sat in the sunshine watching the canal boats go by while drinking and eating, which was a great end to the day.

We headed back on the bus for another night in the hotel, I sank into a bubble bath while my boyfriend fell asleep in front of the TV on the comfy sofa.

It was a well-timed break away to relax and unwind and be pampered in the sunshine, while trying new things and visiting a new city.

Fabulous food and brilliant beer made for great craic

Review by Andrew Morris

I HAVE got something to admit. I am a craic addict.

So when the chance to spend a whirlwind 24 hours in the home of craic was presented to me, there was no way I was going to say no.

Dublin, with its historic castle, imposing St Patrick's Cathedral and River Liffey winding through the centre has it all.

But even more important than all of that, it is the home of the Black Stuff – Guinness.

Known worldwide as one of the best-loved pints out there, the brewery was opened at St Patrick's Gate in the city by the legendary Arthur Guinness in 1759.

Its fascinating near-300 year history is now captured in the truly stunning Guinness Storehouse.

A seven-storey shrine to the stout, which is topped off with the incredible 360 degree Gravity bar (free pint included), it is wonderful look at the iconic drink from its beginnings to the modern day, showing off that iconic advertising, a waterfall and just how they manage to cram those 30 million bubbles into each glass.

Our VIP experience had it all. We had lunch at the 1837 Bar & Brasserie, where we tasted the tongue-twisting Guinness Foreign Extra, sold in Africa, matched with a selection of oysters, chicken wings and crab cakes – all paying homage to the taste of Ireland.

Sensational

Sensational beef and Guinness stew followed – genuinely the best I have ever tasted – before we were taught the key to pulling our own perfect pint.

Our guides were fantastic, weaving knowledge, humour, hospitality and that all famous craic into a terrific experience.

The highlight for me was undoubtedly the chance to go and visit the Hop House 13, where the company is working on a whole range of new lines, including lagers and pale ales.

The key ingredients in Guinness are roasted, malted barley, hops, yeast and water and the perfect pint of Guinness should be served at 6-7°C. For a true beer enthusiast it was an honour to sample the brews and learn how they are developed.

We retired to the exquisite Brooks Hotel in the city centre, where rooms start at €180 B&B per night. Never have I slept in a more comfortable bed, or enjoyed such luxurious furnishings.

Situated in the Creative Quarter of Dublin in Drury Street and just off Fade Street, the Brooks is located in what is becoming the most fashionable area of the city, with theatres, great restaurants, up-market bars and an eclectic mix of interesting boutiques.

It is within walking distance of all the major tourist attractions including Trinity



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The factory also includes a large shop



Enjoy a free pint of the Black Stuff at the Guinness factory

College, Dublin Castle, Guinness Storehouse, and all the major museums and galleries.

Each bedroom in Brooks is uniquely designed to four-star standards and features an en-suite bathroom, flat screen TV, self-controlled air conditioning and a pillow menu to guarantee guests a perfect night's sleep.

After a shower, we dined at Fade Street

Social, a restaurant under the stewardship of double Michelin starred chef Dylan McGrath.

Service was top notch, the food was on par with anything anywhere and it was all washed down with some more quality beer.

After a good night's sleep, there was still time to take advantage of the city's excellent hop on, hop off Dublin Sightseeing Tour. The green buses are impossible to

miss and they can transport you to all corners of a historic city.

After checking out the cathedral, old gaol and country park, it was time to visit the iconic statue of Dublin's most famous daughter, Molly Malone, alive alive oh indeed.

This is an Emerald Green gem of a city, packed with food drink and fun. You'll have a craic-ing time.

August 25



Mrs Brown's Boys
9.40pm
Agnes turns to the internet to find a date for Valentine's Day, Dermot tries to prove to Maria he can still be romantic and Grandad becomes addicted to Viagra.



Anita & Me
9.55pm
Two girls from different ethnic backgrounds strike up an unlikely friendship. Comedy drama based on Meera Syal's novel, starring Chanddeep Uppal and Anna Brewster.



WOS Wrestling
5pm
Featuring coverage of the semi-final stages of the Tag Team Tournament and a major female main event match. With commentary from Stu Bennett, Alex Shane and SoCal Val.



Escape to the Chateau: DIY
6.10pm
As Jonathan and Michael prepare their chateau for the big wedding, they have a sewage problem that threatens to take the whole first floor out of action.



Gino's Win Your Wish List
9pm
Gino D'Acampo hosts the game show in which a family of five contestants choose their dream prizes, then answer questions to try to win the items on their wish list.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
10.00	Saturday Kitchen Live. Anna Haugh is joined by guest Romesh Ranganathan and chefs Bryn Williams and Ben Tish. Oily Smith selects the perfect wine to go with the dishes prepared in the studio.
11.30	Nadiya's Family Favourites. Nadiya Hussain creates perfect dishes for when people stay over, including piccalilli macaroni cheese, grapefruit chicken stew with couscous, and a half a pear crumble. (R)
12.00	Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests review the week's headlines and look ahead to forthcoming fixtures, including Arsenal v West Ham United and Newcastle United v Chelsea in the Premier League.
1.00	BBC News: Weather.
1.15	Bargain Hunt. Philip Serrell and Nick Hall lend their antiques expertise to two teams in Lewes, East Sussex, as they compete to make a profit at auction. Presented by Anita Manning. (R)
2.00	Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.00pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the final, which comes from Wembley Stadium, as the French side take to the Wire.
5.30	FILM: Shrek Forever After (2010). A magical trickster leaves the grumpy ogre stuck in an alternate world where no one knows who he is. Animated comedy, with the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz.
6.55	BBC News.
7.05	Midlands Today: Weather.
7.15	Impossible Celebrities. Dick and Dom are among the celebrities playing for charity in the quiz where a single "impossible" answer can knock them out. Rick Edwards hosts.
8.05	Pointless Celebrities. Simon Wood, Jane Devonshire, Lee McQueen, Yasmina Siadatan, Sam Bailey, Michelle McManus, George Sampson and Jermaine Jackson take part in a "TV Winner" edition of the quiz show. (R)
8.50	Casualty. Alicia arrives back at work in the ED earlier than expected, and Connie gives her the job of medical lead for the day. OAPs Joseph and Reggie decide to sneak out of their care home.
9.40	Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes turns to the internet to find a date for Valentine's Day, Dermot tries to prove to Maria he can still be romantic and Grandad becomes addicted to Viagra. (R)
10.10	BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.30	Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League games, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Manchester City and Arsenal v West Ham United.
11.50	FILM: Reasonable Doubt (2014). A district attorney tries to bring to justice a murderer he allowed to go free because of guilt over his own crimes. Thriller, with Dominic Cooper and Samuel L Jackson.
1.10	Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.15	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.40	Top Class. (R)
7.10	Marrying Mum and Dad. (R)
7.40	Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. (R)
8.10	The Dengineers. (R)
8.35	Deadly Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. (R)
9.05	David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R)
9.30	Nature's Miracle Babies. (R)
10.30	Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World. (R)
11.15	Rugby League's Legendary Watersplash Final. (R)
12.00	Nigel Slater: Eating Together. Three home cooks share recipes for soup. (R)
12.30	Great British Menu. The London and South East chefs prepare starters. (R)
1.00	Great British Menu. The London and South East chefs prepare seafood courses. (R)
1.30	Garden Rescue. Competing to design a garden in Pontefract, West Yorkshire. (R)
2.15	Escape to the Country. Searching for a country home in rural Gloucestershire. (R)
3.00	Scrappers. Documentary following life at Metro Salvage scrapyard in Bolton. (R)
3.30	Saving Lives at Sea. The crews race to the rescue of a drowning fisherman and a father and son lost at sea. (R)
4.30	Final Score. A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.15	Flog It! From the Platform in Morecambe, Lancashire. (R)
5.50	A Passage to Britain. The stories of passengers coming to Britain from Bombay in the late 1940s. (R)
6.50	Proms Extra. The programme moves into the Royal Albert Hall for one night as an expectant audience gathers to hear Bernstein's On the Town. Presented by Katie Derham.
7.30	Dad's Army. The platoon plans to re-enact the battle between St George and the dragon as part of the Wings for Victory fundraising effort – unaware the ARP wardens have the same idea. (R)
8.00	Blitz: The Bombs That Changed Britain. The deadly impact of an incendiary bomb that set fire to St Peter's Church in the historic heart of Bristol on the night of Sunday November 24, 1940. Last in the series. (R)
9.00	QI XL. Sandi Toksvig invites Jason Manford, Sara Pascoe, Jeremy Clarkson and Alan Davies to answer questions on the subject of 'noble rot' in an extended edition of the panel show. (R)
9.50	Anita & Me – and Me. Meera Syal journeys back to Essington in the Black Country, the mining village where she grew up, describing how her childhood inspired her coming-of-age novel Anita and Me. The film Anita & Me follows.
9.55	FILM: Anita & Me (2002). Two girls from different ethnic backgrounds strike up an unlikely friendship during the 1970s. Comedy drama based on Meera Syal's novel, starring Chanddeep Uppal and Anna Brewster.
11.25	FILM: Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara (2011). Comedy, starring Abhay Deol, Hrithik Roshan and Farhan Akhtar.
1.50	This Is BBC2.

ITV	
6.00	CITV: Sooty 6.10 Make It Pop 6.35 Dino Dana 6.50 Om Nom Stories 6.55 The Oddbods Show 7.05 NinjaGo: Decoded 7.15 NinjaGo: Decoded 7.30 ToonMarty 7.40 ToonMarty 7.55 Drop Dead Weird
8.25	ITV News.
8.30	Zoe Ball on Saturday. With guests Martin Kemp, Gabrielle and London Hughes, and live music from Ten Tonnes.
9.25	James Martin's Saturday Morning. James invites actor John Challis and chef Francesco Mazzei into his own home for the weekend chat show. (R)
11.20	James Martin's American Adventure. The TV chef ventures into Salem on the east coast of the USA, a place made famous by the witch trials of 1692. (R)
11.50	£10k Holiday Home. Julia Bradbury receives the keys to her cottage. (R)
12.20	Love Your Garden. A fundraiser in Cardiff receives the experts' help, as Alan Titchmarsh and the team create a peaceful haven that has plenty of practical touches. (R)
1.20	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
1.30	ITV Racing Live: York Ebor Festival. Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present coverage of the fourth and final day of the festival, including the 3.40 Sky Bet Ebor. Plus, races at 1.50, 2.25 and 3.00.
4.00	The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R)
5.00	WOS Wrestling. Featuring coverage of the semi-final stages of the Tag Team Tournament and a major female main event match. With commentary from Stu Bennett, Alex Shane and SoCal Val.
6.00	ITV News and Weather.
6.15	ITV News Central; Weather.
6.30	Japandemonium. A review of the best Japanese TV, featuring people having pans dropped on their heads and biting mystery objects. Last in the series.
7.00	Big Star's Little Star. Stephen Mulhern hosts the entertainment show in which children spill the beans about famous relatives James Cracknell, Karen Blick and Vernie Bennett.
8.00	FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003). As Frodo and Sam near the end of their quest, their friends face a final battle with the forces of darkness. Climax of the fantasy trilogy, starring Elijah Wood and Viggo Mortensen.
11.45	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.05	WOS Wrestling. Featuring coverage of the semi-final stages of the Tag Team Tournament and a major female main event match. With commentary from Stu Bennett, Alex Shane and SoCal Val. (R)
1.00	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	Eternal Glory. Sporting legends, including Fatima Whitbread, Matt Le Tissier and James Cracknell, take part in a unique competition designed around sport science. (R)
3.50	ITV Nightscreen.

Channel 4	
6.15	Triathlon: Long Course Weekend. Action from the ultra-triathlon staged in Pembrokeshire.
7.10	Mobil 1: The Grid. Previews of the Belgian and Italian Grands Prix.
7.35	Frasier. Roz borrows money from Frasier. (R)
8.00	Frasier. Niles takes part in a festive pageant. (R)
8.30	Frasier. A series of good deeds backfires. (R)
9.00	The Big Bang Theory. Penny and Bernadette shop for bridesmaid dresses without Amy. (R)
9.30	The Big Bang Theory. Leonard and Penny endure an awkward night at the cinema. (R)
9.55	The Simpsons. Sideshow Bob runs for office. (R)
10.25	The Simpsons. Brazilian football legend Ronaldo guest stars. (R)
10.55	Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Coverage of the third practice session at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps.
12.25	F1 Meets Nigel Mansell. An interview with the 1992 world champion. (R)
12.55	Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of the qualifying session at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps (Start-time 2.00pm).
3.45	Car SOS. The team restores a 1962 Mini Cooper. (R)
4.45	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. A couple from Brighton look for a home in Almeria, Spain. (R)
5.15	The People's Vet. The victim of a dog attack is rushed in.
6.10	Escape to the Chateau: DIY. As Jonathan and Michael prepare their chateau for the big wedding, they have a sewage problem that threatens to take the whole first floor out of action. (R)
7.05	Channel 4 News.
7.35	FILM: Captain America: The First Avenger (2011). A frail volunteer is transformed into the ultimate soldier and fights for his country during the Second World War. Superhero adventure, starring Chris Evans and Hugo Weaving.
10.00	FILM: Pain & Gain (2013). Premiere. Three bodybuilders make a disastrous attempt to kidnap a businessman and get him to sign over his fortune. Fact-based action comedy, with Mark Wahlberg and Dwayne Johnson.
12.30	FILM: Regression (2015). A detective finds evidence of a satanic cult when investigating a case in which a man admits to sexually abusing his teenage daughter. Thriller, starring Ethan Hawke.
2.20	Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Simone arrives at Price Slice to find it has been broken into, Darren and Mandy's affair continues as they end up kissing, and Dennis and Liberty decide Milo should leave. (R)
4.30	Village of the Year with Penelope Keith. On the Devon coast, Penelope learns about Beer's historic fishing fleet, while Alex Langlands goes native in the Welsh village of Llanyllynfi. (R)
5.25	The Posh Frock Shop. (R)
5.50	Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. Kirstie Allsopp creates a kitchen-diner makeover. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	Milkshake!: Little Princess 6.10 Wissper 6.20 Poppy Cat 6.30 Milkshake! Monkey 6.35 The Secret Life of Puppies 6.40 Seaside Antics 6.45 Oily the Little White Van 6.50 Simon 7.00 Peppa Pig 7.05 Paw Patrol 7.15 Thomas & Friends 7.30 Fireman Sam 7.45 Rusty Rivets 8.00 Paw Patrol 8.15 Pirata & Capitano 8.30 Noddy: Toyland Detective 8.50 Flookals 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.15 Shimmer and Shine 9.30 Digby Dragon
9.50	Peppa Pig. (R)
9.55	Peppa Pig. (R)
10.00	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R)
10.30	Access.
10.40	Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 4. (R)
11.05	Police Interceptors. Officers pursue knife-wielding criminals. (R)
12.05	Police Interceptors. The unit helps rescue a man pinned beneath a tractor. (R)
1.10	Police Interceptors. The police are led on a high-speed chase across north London. (R)
2.10	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. A woman whose unruly tenants try to sue her after being served an eviction notice. (R)
3.10	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. A man claims to be renting a couple's old family home. (R)
4.10	Rich House, Poor House. Families from Lincolnshire swap places for a week. (R)
5.10	5 News Weekend.
5.15	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! The agents chase up a £3,000 deposit owed by a landlord to his tenant. (R)
6.10	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! In South East London, officers chase a debt of nearly £50,000 in unpaid rent, and in Kent the agents try to recover over £2,000 owed by a teenager to a local garage. (R)
7.05	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Mike Allonby and Terry Jones repossess debtors' cars in Cheshire and Liverpool, while Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner evict a couple with young children a few days before Christmas. (R)
8.00	Before They Were Stars. A trek back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars.
9.00	Gino's Win Your Wish List. Gino D'Acampo hosts the game show in which a family of five contestants choose their dream prizes, then answer questions to try to win the items on their wish list.
10.00	Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.
11.05	Best of Bad TV: Live & Dangerous. A collection of the biggest TV howlers caught on film, including a fire on the Blue Peter set, famous folk who think they can sing, wardrobe malfunctions and disastrous award shows. (R)
12.00	SuperCasino.
3.10	The Last Hours of Jimi Hendrix. (R)
4.00	The Last Days of Patrick Swayze. (R)
4.45	Wildlife SOS. (R)
5.10	House Doctor. (R)
5.35	House Busters. (R)

August 26

sunday



Countryfile

7pm

Matt Baker and Margherita Taylor present the show from North Wales, discovering how miniature antennas attached to bees have revealed new information about the insects' lives.



Dragons' Den

8pm

The panel of entrepreneurs assess the profit-making potential of a range of fishing bait, a pasta home delivery service, and a scheme to make money out of rubbish. With Evan Davis.



The Chase: The Bloopers

7pm

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BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast.**
- 9.00 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League games, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Manchester City and Arsenal v West Ham United. (R)
- 10.25 **Sunday Morning Live.** Sean Fletcher and Cherry Healey introduce topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
- 11.25 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties about to be auctioned in Liverpool, Derbyshire and Cumbria. (R)
- 12.00 **Bargain Hunt.** Antiques experts Charles Hanson and Paul Laidlaw help two teams of pilots and sky divers search for potentially valuable items in Lincoln. (R)
- 1.00 **BBC News:** Weather.
- 1.15 **Still Open All Hours.** Gastric enters an art contest. (R)
- 1.45 **Hold the Sunset.** Comedy, starring Alison Steadman. (R)
- 2.15 **Money for Nothing.** Jay Blades saves three items from a recycling centre in the West Midlands. (R)
- 3.00 **Escape to the Country.** Nicki Chapman helps a couple find a property in rural south Devon. (R)
- 3.30 **Songs of Praise.** Claire McCollum reports on Pope Francis' visit to Ireland.
- 4.05 **Fake or Fortune?** A sketchbook that could be the work of a young Toulouse-Lautrec. (R)
- 5.05 **Eat Well for Less?** A family whose busy lifestyle means they rely on ready meals and takeaways. Last in the series. (R)
- 6.05 **The Deer Stalker: Our Lives.** Documentary following a man who stalks red deer in the hills near Fort William as he passes on his skills to his 15-year-old son during one of Scotland's worst winters.
- 6.35 **BBC News.**
- 6.50 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 7.00 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Margherita Taylor present the show from North Wales, discovering how miniature antennas attached to bees have revealed new information about the insects' lives.
- 8.00 **Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate a small watercolour sketch found in a hoard of artwork stolen by the Nazis, that could be the work of sculptor Henry Moore.
- 9.00 **Bodyguard.** New series. A specialist protection officer is assigned to guard an ambitious home secretary who may be the target of a terror plot. Thriller, with Keeley Hawes and Richard Madden.
- 10.00 **BBC News.**
- 10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, introducing highlights of Watford v Crystal Palace and Newcastle United v Chelsea.
- 11.30 **Supermarket Shopping Secrets.** A look at how the retailers compete in the market for healthier foods, with Gregg Wallace discovering how one supermarket is using an exotic ingredient to reduce salt in burgers. (R)
- 12.30 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 12.35 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.30 **Around the World in 80 Gardens.** Monty Don embarks on a horticultural world tour. (R)
- 7.30 **Gardeners' World.** Advice on pruning blackcurrants. (R)
- 8.30 **Countryfile Live.** This year's event comes from Blenheim Palace. (R)
- 9.30 **The Beechgrove Garden.** (R)
- 10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights of the series.
- 11.30 **Great British Menu.** (R)
- 12.00 **Great British Menu.** The London and South East chefs prepare desserts. (R)
- 12.30 **Great British Menu.** The London and South East region's two highest-scoring chefs cook their four-course meal again. (R)
- 1.00 **Hairy Bikers' Best of British.** The history of the Vegetarian Society. (R)
- 1.45 **Triathlon World Series: Montreal Women's Race.** The ITU World Triathlon Series event from Montreal, Canada.
- 3.15 **Wastemen.** Workers dealing with the refuse produced by the people of Newcastle upon Tyne. (R)
- 4.10 **Saving Lives at Sea.** The crew of the RNLI race to the rescue of a teenager with suspected spinal injuries. (R)
- 5.10 **Tribes, Predators & Me.** A nomad family who hunt with golden eagles in the Mongolian mountains. (R)
- 6.10 **FILM: Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981).** Archaeologist Indiana Jones tries to locate the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis get their hands on it. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, with Harrison Ford and Karen Allen.
- 8.00 **Dragons' Den.** The panel of entrepreneurs assess the profit-making potential of a range of fishing bait, a pasta home delivery service, and a scheme to make money out of rubbish. With Evan Davis.
- 9.00 **Eight Go Rallying: The Road to Saigon.** The teams head for the Cambodian border, despite serious problems with two of the cars, and head for Angkor Wat, the mysterious centrepiece of the ancient Khmer empire.
- 10.00 **Romesh Ranganathan: Irrational Live.** The comedian's first-ever live stand-up show, in which the Bafta-nominated star takes shots at everyone from his children to a stranger in a coffee shop. (R)
- 11.00 **Man Like Mobeen.** Eight learns that his father is dying. When Mobeen agrees to visit him one last time, he is unprepared for the terrible secret he learns and the favour the old man has to ask. (R)
- 11.20 **Man Like Mobeen.** An anti-Islam march comes through the neighbourhood, and Mobeen ends up sharing a police van with the leader when he takes the blame for Aka's counter-protest. Last in the series. (R)
- 11.45 **Pump Up the Bhangra: The Sound of Asian Britain.** DJ Bobby Friction recounts the rise and history of Bhangra music across Britain in the 1980s and encounters some legends of the scene. (R)
- 12.45 **Sign Zone: Countryfile Live.** (R)
- 1.40 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 2.40 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

- 6.00 **CITV: Sooty.** 6.10 **Make It Pop.** 6.35 **Dino Dana.** 6.50 **Om Nom Stories.** 6.55 **The Oddbods Show.** 7.05 **NinjaGo: Decoded.** 7.15 **NinjaGo: Decoded.** 7.30 **ToonMarty.** 7.40 **ToonMarty.** 7.55 **Drop Dead Weird.**
- 8.25 **ITV News.**
- 8.30 **Zoe Ball on Sunday.** With guests Matt Goss and Samantha Bond.
- 9.25 **Japandemonium.** A review of the best Japanese TV. Last in the series. (R)
- 9.55 **Cannonball.** Water-based obstacle course challenge, hosted by Andrew Flintoff. (R)
- 10.55 **Ninja Warrior UK.** Obstacle-course challenge, with Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. (R)
- 12.00 **WOS Wrestling.** The semi-final stages of the Tag Team Tournament. (R)
- 1.00 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 1.15 **Big Star's Little Star.** With James Cracknell, Karen Blick and Vernie Bennett. (R)
- 2.15 **Catchphrase.** Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (R)
- 3.00 **Tenable.** A team of prison officers competes. (R)
- 4.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** With Jo Brand, Ben Cohen and Kelly Hoppen. Last in the series. (R)
- 5.00 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 6.00 **ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.15 **ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 6.30 **Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes.** Paul meets an 11-year-old boy with a genetic condition that causes his skin to blister at the slightest touch, and a 10-year-old girl who undergoes pioneering craniofacial surgery. (R)
- 7.00 **The Chase: The Bloopers.** Bradley Walsh presents a compilation of outtakes and laughs from the quiz show. (R)
- 8.00 **FILM: Jurassic World (2015).** A safari park for genetically engineered dinosaurs creates a new species – but it quickly escapes to terrorise the tourists. Action adventure sequel, with Chris Pratt.
- 10.20 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.35 **Larry Grayson: Shut That Door!** Documentary exploring the entertainer's rise from poverty to fame, drawing on extracts from an unfinished autobiography that has only recently been discovered. (R)
- 12.20 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Highlights from Snetterton, featuring round 13 of the Ginetta GT4 Supercup, and round 18 of the British F4 Championship. With commentary by Richard John Neil. (R)
- 3.50 **British Superbike Championship Highlights.** Greg Haines presents action from Cadwell Park, where the eighth round of the season took place. With commentary by Jack Burnicle and James Whitham. (R)
- 4.40 **ITV Nightscreen.**
- 5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.05 **Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.** Kirstie Allsopp visits a Glasgow tenement. (R)
- 6.10 **Motorsport: Volkswagen Racing Cup32.** Action from Oulton Park.
- 6.35 **Motorsport: British Rally Championship.** The John Mulholland Motors Ulster Rally.
- 7.05 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ally is accused of bullying. (R)
- 7.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray becomes a churchgoer. (R)
- 8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert is injured in the line of duty. (R)
- 8.30 **Para Swimming: European Championships.** Highlights of the 2018 World Para Swimming European Championships from Dublin.
- 9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Fuse ODG, and George and Larry Lamb.
- 12.30 **Peng Life.** Elijah Quashie works out in a free outdoor gym. (R)
- 1.00 **Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Live Build Up.** Steve Jones presents a preview of the 13th round of the season.
- 1.40 **Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Live.** Coverage of the 13th round of the season (Start-time 2.10pm).
- 4.30 **Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Live Reaction.** Reaction to the 13th round of the season.
- 5.35 **Car SOS.** Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw restore a BMW 2002 Turbo. (R)
- 6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 **Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams.** Arthur's final journey takes him across the east coast, visiting a series of airfields and meeting the world's only aerobatic team licensed to take passengers. Last in the series.
- 8.00 **Hidden Britain by Drone.** Tony Robinson sends camera drones in to explore an active nuclear decommissioning site, study bats up close, and discover the truth behind crop circles. Last in the series.
- 9.00 **FILM: World War Z (2013).** Premiere. A UN investigator travels the world to find a cure for a zombie virus that is bringing human civilisation to an end. Thriller, starring Brad Pitt and Mireille Enos.
- 11.15 **FILM: 47 Ronin (2013).** A former slave leads a band of samurai as they battle monstrous and magical enemies in a quest for redemption. Fantasy adventure, with Keanu Reeves and Hiroyuki Sanada.
- 1.30 **The Crystal Maze.** A group of contenders sets out to prove that putting the words "science" and "nerds" into the collective team name isn't necessarily a guarantee of competence. (R)
- 2.25 **Mobil 1: The Grid.** Previews of the Belgian and Italian Grands Prix. (R)
- 2.50 **Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** Phil Spencer seeks buyers for two shabby semis in the north of England, including a home in Ripponden, West Yorkshire, with bare walls, dark decor and rather risque artworks. (R)
- 3.45 **French Collection.** Three collectors hunt for valuables in Avignon, where the contestants pick up warehouse lights, a bicycle and decorative clocks among other items. (R)
- 4.40 **Village of the Year with Penelope Keith.** The judges assess the merits of villages from the Western Zone. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!: Little Princess.** 6.10 **Wissper.** 6.20 **Poppy Cat.** 6.30 **Milkshake! Monkey.** 6.35 **The Secret Life of the Puppies.** 6.40 **Seaside Antics.** 6.45 **Oilly the Little White Van.** 6.50 **Simon.** 7.00 **Peppa Pig.** 7.05 **Paw Patrol.** 7.15 **Thomas & Friends: Thrills and Spills.** 7.30 **Fireman Sam.** 7.45 **Rusty Rivets.** 8.00 **Paw Patrol.** 8.15 **Pirata & Capitano.** 8.30 **Noddy: Toyland Detective.** 8.50 **Floogals.** 9.00 **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** 9.15 **Shimmer and Shine.** 9.30 **Digby Dragon.** 9.50 **Peppa Pig.** 9.55 **Peppa Pig.**
- 10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Donnie is bitten and the Time Sceptre is stolen. (R)
- 10.35 **Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Compilation of internet videos featuring animals. (R)
- 10.55 **Police Interceptors.** Officers pursue a group of car thieves. (R)
- 11.45 **Police Interceptors.** The unit pursues a speeding motorcyclist. (R)
- 12.40 **Police Interceptors.** The police dog unit is called into action. (R)
- 1.40 **FILM: The Prince of Egypt (1998).** Animated Biblical musical, with the voice of Val Kilmer.
- 2.40 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
- 2.45 **FILM: The Prince of Egypt (1998).** Concluded.
- 3.50 **FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007).** Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp.
- 4.50 **5 News Update.**
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- 7.00 **Worst Celebrity Pop Songs Ever.** A countdown of the 40 most memorable records by celebrities, featuring performances by Mr T, Katie Price, Vinnie Jones, Sam Fox and an assortment of soap stars. (R)
- 8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.
- 10.00 **FILM: The Bodyguard (1992).** A former secret service agent acts as a bodyguard for a famous singer who is being persecuted by an obsessed fan. Romantic thriller, starring Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston.
- 11.00 **Access.** Showbiz news and gossip.
- 11.05 **FILM: The Bodyguard (1992).** Concluded.
- 12.35 **FILM: Whitney Houston: A Tragic Love (2015).** Biopic of Whitney Houston, examining her troubled marriage to singer Bobby Brown and the pressure of fame on their relationship. Starring Yaya DaCosta and Arien Escarpeta.
- 2.10 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
- 3.10 **Frozen: Cryonics.** People paying for their bodies to be cryonically preserved. (R)
- 4.00 **My Mum's Hotter Than Me!** A beauty pageant contestant who competes with women half her age. (R)
- 4.45 **Wildlife SOS.** The work of an animal sanctuary. (R)
- 5.10 **House Doctor.** A split-level bungalow in Perthshire. (R)
- 5.35 **House Busters.** Life-enhancing changes to a home. (R)

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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N	T	U	A	W	B	L	I	V	Q	O	M	P

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Neckwear, we hear, for a dandy (4)
3. Agreements for cosmetic containers (8)
9. A classical naval battle - for Italian sausages! (7)
10. A long time coming back to the ring (5)
11. A contest among comedians? (6,2,4)
13. Yet all has been rearranged recently (6)
15. Does artistic work and puts the first of the colours in different sheet (6)
17. One with rank on board lacking magnanimity? (5,7)
20. A certain quantity of fuel I treasured (5)
21. A bit of upper turbulence to cause agitation (7)
22. A request certain to give satisfaction (8)
23. Boss required to equine establishment (4)
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2. Apportion a levy that's been raised (5)
4. Son who strangely is being exhibited (2,6)
5. Risk getting your fingers burnt (4,4,4)
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Quick Clues:

Across

1. Irritation (4)
3. Scrawl (8)
9. Imagine (7)
10. Thin silk fabric (5)
11. Parsimony (6-6)
13. Stagger back (6)
15. Picture-house (6)
17. Unavailing (12)
20. Edible bulb (5)
21. Feeling (7)
22. Urgent (8)
23. At one time (4)

Down

1. Unsafe (8)
2. Coppice (5)
4. Eerie (6)
5. Pause (7)
6. Poise (7)
7. A paradise (4)
8. Components (12)
12. Mode of speech (8)
14. Entrust (7)
16. Shelter (6)
18. Sham (5)
19. Ceremony (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S
SOLUTIONS >

8	6	3	2	1	4	7	9
1	2	4	5	9	7	6	3
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4	5	8	7	3	9	2	1
7	1	2	4	6	5	9	8
3	9	6	8	2	1	5	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Combine; 7 Cover;
 9 Scree; 10 Cast out; 12 Stand at ease;
 14 Double fault; 18 Writers; 19 Gaffe; 21 Takes
 22 Amnesia. Down: 1 Pouch; 2 Object; 3 End;
 4 Bottle; 5 Request; 8 Caravan; 11 Unheard;
 13 Poor law; 15 Butter; 16 Leader; 17 Of gin;
 20 Imp.
 QUICK - Across: 6 Jocular; 7 Charm; 9 Broad;
 10 Quieten; 12 Deportation; 14 Permissible;
 18 Hosiery; 19 Impel; 21 Bully; 22 Fatigue.
 Down: 1 Board; 2 Humane; 3 Gag; 4 Threat;
 5 Freedom; 8 Curtail; 11 Consort; 13 Decorum
 15 Mainly; 16 Limpid; 17 Venue; 20 Pav.

Quiz

1. Which country was rocked by the Recruit scandal?
2. Which soccer hero received a knighthood in the 1994 Queen's Birthday Honours list?
3. What does an entomologist study?
4. What is the capital of New Mexico?
5. In which sport is play started by a 'bully'?
6. What is the US's oldest educational institution?
7. Which country's largest lake is Lake Garda?
8. What do we call a single dot on a computer screen?
9. Which genus of tree includes the peach, the apricot and the cherry?
10. Of which war was the Battle of Crecy the first important battle?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Just So Stories; 2 Singapore; 3 Sue Barker; 4 Taffeta; 5 Catherine Parr; 6 Odin; 7 Dutch; 8 New Zealand; 9 A wading bird; 10 Justice of the Peace.

Niner: HARMONICS

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

45689	gives seafood,
946817	gives more seafood,
43265	gives something found in the sea.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths

FORT

Jack

Passed away suddenly at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, on August 8, 2018, aged 92 years.

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He will be greatly missed.

Funeral Service at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury on Friday, August 31, at 10.45am.

No flowers by request.

Donations if desired to the Severn Hospice, Shrewsbury.

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GRIFFIN

Sheila Betty

Peacefully in The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on Monday, August 13, 2018, aged 85 years.

Funeral Service at Hereford Crematorium on Tuesday, August 28, at 3.45pm.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Churchill House Residents Comforts Fund.

All inquiries please to

GRAHAM HEIRON

Funeral Director

Bromfield

SY8 2JR

Telephone 01584 856273.

JONES

Barbara June

Passed away peacefully at The Alexandra Hospital, Redditch on July 25, 2018, aged 85 years.

JONES

Norman Henry

Barbara's Husband, who passed away peacefully at Bradeney House Care Home, Worfield, near Bridgnorth on August 1, 2018, aged 85 years.

Former Dog Warden in the Kidderminster area.

They will be sadly missed by Julia, Leslie and Family and their many Friends.

Funeral Service to be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Alveley on August 30 at 12 noon, to be followed by Cremation later in the day at Wye Forest Crematorium, Stourport-on-Severn. (DY13 8AS) at 3.30pm.

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Nexo makes us wish future was here

By Tom Wiltshire

There's a certain deadlock between car manufacturers and governments at the moment regarding the supposed fuel of the future, hydrogen.

While plenty of manufacturers are poised to release fuel-cell vehicles, they're reluctant to do so with no real refuelling infrastructure in place – and governments are unlikely to invest in hydrogen stations with so few cars around to use them. It's fallen to Hyundai to plough forward with the Nexo – the successor to its ix35 Fuel Cell and soon to be the Toyota Mirai's only hydrogen-powered rival in the UK.

The Nexo is all new, from its futuristic powertrain to the concept car-esque styling. While the ix35 Fuel Cell was based on the existing ix35 SUV, the Nexo is its own model.

Hyundai aims to sell a few thousand Nexos a year in markets across the world, hopefully spurring on the development of a hydrogen infrastructure and providing a long-distance, quick-refuelling alternative to pure-electric vehicles.

It debuts some key new tech for Hyundai, including a new 12.3-inch infotainment display, driver-assistance features such as a blind-spot view monitor and lane-follow assist.

Under the hood sits a hydrogen fuel cell stack, which takes its juice from three hydrogen tanks mounted fore and aft of the rear axle. There's an electric motor and small battery pack too, but for most of the time the car is driven by the fuel cell. There are a number of benefits to this. First of all there's refuelling, which takes just a few minutes compared with the several hours you'll wait for an electric car to charge. A full-tank Nexo is capable of a theoretical 497 miles,



Refuelling takes just a few minutes

too – more than any EV currently available. The only emission from the Nexo is water, and particulate filters mean the car purifies the air around it as it drives.

The Nexo's peak output is 161bhp, delivered in the typical electric car way. That is to say, it's torquey, quick and smooth off the line, but power soon tails off and the Nexo isn't the most responsive car on the motorway.

The Nexo is a heavy car and that weight is noticeable in the corners, where it isn't exactly a sports car. That's no real criticism, as buyers won't be looking for groundbreaking handling prowess, but they might be disappointed by a slightly sharp-edged ride over rougher surfaces.

It's a refined cruiser, though, with some clever aerodynamic touches on the slippery body reducing wind noise. It's also a tech-fest, with Hyundai's semi-autonomous systems making life just that little bit easier. Lane-follow assist – a combination of radar-guided cruise control and lane-keeping functions – works



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brilliantly, keeping the car steadier than most rival systems. There's also an innovative blind spot monitoring system, which displays a camera feed of the car's blind spot in the instrument cluster when you indicate. It will also park itself while you're outside it.

The Hyundai Nexo looks every bit the futuristic SUV and remains remarkably true to its concept. The glamorous touches don't seem contrived or compromised, though, and the result is a slick-looking crossover with some really interesting design details.

The full-width LED light bar across the front gives an eye-catching signature, especially in the dark, while glittery tail lights give a similar effect at the rear. The streamlined alloy wheels

are less successful and look a little cheap, but the sides of the car are brought back up to par with sleek hidden door handles.

Overall, the effect is close enough to a standard crossover that it won't alienate buyers who don't like to stand out, but there's enough visual interest to satisfy most.

This is one of the most premium Hyundai interiors yet, and there's a very 'Lexus' feel to the high-set centre console. However, it's dotted with a rash of cheap-feeling buttons and decked out in the sort of silver plastic you'd find on an early 2000s Mercedes SLK. Very appealing to the North American market; less so to Europeans.

There's plenty of room on offer, though, with

a 461-litre boot, decent rear legroom and good storage for oddments in and around the cabin.

What can't be argued with is the tech on offer in the Nexo. There's a digital instrument display and widescreen infotainment unit that works rather well, the aforementioned safety and driver aids, climate control, heated and cooled seats, LED lights front and rear and a powered tailgate.

However, you'd expect all this from such an expensive car. Hydrogen tech is in its infancy and as such can't be offered at the same price as electric rivals. We'd expect to see the Hyundai as to be priced near £60,000, dipping to around £55,000 when the government's electric car grant is taken into account.



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MOTORING

Updated Škoda Fabia gets a suite of new safety kit

Škoda has announced pricing and specifications for the latest update to its Fabia supermini. The range kicks off from just £12,840 for a model in S trim, fitted with the 74bhp 1.0-litre petrol engine.

That starting price undercuts its sister car, the Volkswagen Polo by £1,395 – and that's for a VW fitted with the lesser-powered 59bhp engine.

The latest Fabia comes with a suite of new safety kit plus improved connectivity, as well as Škoda's latest 'Simply Clever' touches.

Fuel

The range kicks off with the naturally aspirated, 1.0-litre engine with 74bhp. It's capable of 0-60mph in a rather lengthy 14.7 seconds, but Škoda claims a fuel consumption of nearly 59mpg and CO2 emissions of 110g/km.

Moving up the range there are two turbocharged petrols with 94bhp or 108bhp. It's the latter that's the only car available with an automatic gearbox, which is an option above the standard six-speed manual. The two lower-powered cars get five-speed manual gearboxes. Fuel consumption tops out at 61mpg, with the 94bhp model boasting the lowest CO2 emissions of just 104g/km.

Trim levels start with basic S, which still gains autonomous emergency braking, LED daytime running lights



The latest Fabia comes with a suite of new safety kit

and a trip computer. SE trim, from £14,115 gains front foglights plus 15-inch alloy wheels, while stylish Colour Edition adds 16-inch wheels and unique paint finishes for its £14,665 starting price.

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Birmingham & District Cricket

League

Premier Division 1st XI									
	P	W	D	L	T	A	P		
Knowle & D.	17	12	1	3	0	1	287		
Berkswell	17	9	3	3	0	2	275		
WB Dartmouth	17	8	4	3	0	2	258		
Smithwick	17	8	4	4	0	1	246		
Shrewsbury	17	8	2	6	0	1	225		
Moseley	17	7	1	8	0	1	199		
Kenilworth W	17	4	5	6	0	2	176		
Ombersley	17	5	3	8	0	1	175		
Halesowen	17	5	1	10	0	2	161		
Walsall	17	4	4	8	0	1	156		
Barnt Green	17	3	3	9	0	2	148		
Wolverhampton	17	3	4	9	0	1	148		

Division One 1st XI

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Kidderminster	17	11	1	4	0	1	271
Shifnal	17	9	3	4	0	1	240
Bridgnorth	17	8	2	6	0	1	225
Halesowen	17	7	4	5	0	2	217
Barnards Green	17	8	2	5	0	2	215
Oswestry	17	6	3	6	0	2	213
Tamworth	17	8	1	6	0	2	204
Bromsgrove	17	5	3	7	0	2	195
Himley	17	6	4	5	0	2	189
Leamington	17	5	3	7	0	2	182
Brockhampton	17	4	0	11	0	2	147
Wellington	17	2	2	12	0	1	110

Division Two 1st XI

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Harborne	17	6	6	4	0	1	250
C & R Hawks	17	10	1	4	0	2	246
Walmley	17	9	2	5	0	1	243
Penkridge	17	7	3	5	0	1	221
Sutton Coldfield	17	7	2	5	0	2	221
Attock	17	7	2	6	0	2	220
Coventry & N.W.	17	6	2	7	0	2	191
Wombourne	17	6	1	10	0	0	186
Fordhouses	17	6	0	10	0	1	183
Pershore	17	6	4	5	0	2	183
Streely	17	6	2	8	0	1	177
Astwood Bank	17	3	1	11	0	2	131

Division Three 1st XI

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Stourbridge	17	11	4	0	0	2	292
Rugby	17	11	1	4	0	1	265
Old Hill	17	10	1	5	0	1	245
Pelsall	17	8	3	5	0	1	244
Stratford-U-Avon	17	8	3	5	0	1	238
Hedworth	17	7	2	5	0	2	214
Lichfield	17	7	0	10	0	0	204
Redditch	17	6	2	7	0	2	202
Newport	17	7	1	8	0	1	173
Milford Hall	17	3	1	11	0	2	126
Whitchurch	17	3	2	11	0	1	122
Old Elizabethans	17	3	0	12	0	2	111

Premier Division 2nd XI

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Leamington	17	12	2	3	0	1	270
Shifnal	17	11	1	3	0	2	270
Wolverhampton	17	11	1	3	0	2	269
Kenilworth W	17	9	1	4	0	2	338
Attock	17	7	3	5	0	2	227
Knowle & D.	17	7	3	5	0	2	223
Tamworth	17	5	4	6	0	2	214
Harborne	17	3	6	6	0	2	167
Brockhampton	17	4	2	9	0	2	158
Walmley	17	3	3	10	0	1	147
Moseley	17	4	2	9	0	2	136
Himley	17	1	2	13	0	1	81

Division One 2nd XI

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Coventry & N.W.	17	10	2	3	0	2	254
Walsall	17	10	0	5	0	1	250
Bromsgrove	17	9	3	3	0	2	244
WB Dartmouth	17	8	2	5	0	2	227
Ombersley	17	9	1	6	0	1	223
Astwood Bank	17	7	1	8	0	1	211
Lichfield	17	6	3	7	0	1	198
Penkridge	17	6	3	7	0	1	198
Shrewsbury	17	5	3	8	0	1	191
Barnt Green	17	5	4	7	0	1	186
Wombourne	17	4	3	10	0	0	159
Pershore	17	1	0	14	0	2	48

Division Two 2nd XI (N)

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Bridgnorth	17	13	3	0	0	1	341
Fordhouses	17	13	2	1	0	1	318
Pelsall	17	11	2	4	0	0	283
Smithwick	17	6	6	3	1	1	232
Milford Hall	17	8	2	4	1	1	225
C & R Hawks	17	6	3	6	0	2	210
Wellington	17	6	3	7	0	1	206
Old Hill	17	6	0	10	0	1	198
Lichfield	17	5	2	9	0	1	167
Oswestry	17	3	3	11	0	0	131
Newport	17	1	0	14	0	2	60
Whitchurch	17	1	0	15	0	1	46

Henshalls Shropshire County

Cricket League

Premier							
	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P
Wem	17	11	2	1	3	32	297
Quatt	16	11	1	1	3	15	271
Madley	17	11	0	6	0	26	254
Sentinel	16	10	0	3	3	18	245
World	16	8	1	6	1	37	207
Bomere Heath	16	6	0	7	3	35	177
St Georges	17	4	2	9	2	54	158
Ludlow	16	5	1	8	2	50	156
Frankton	16	4	0	10	2	52	143
Newtown	16	4	0	12	0	51	125
Cound	17	1	1	12	3	70	111

Division 1							
	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P
Allscott	18	14	2	2	0	31	355
Pontesbury	18	13	0	4	1	17	311
Shelton	18	11	1	4	2	39	302
Knockin & Kinnerley	18	12	0	4	2	30	300
Alberbury	18	10	0	6	2	40	274
Beacon	18	9	0	8	1	36	240
Wrocester & Uppington	18	7	1	9	2	57	221
Forton	18	5	2	9	2	63	191
Albrighton	18	5	1	11	1	50	177
Welsphool	18	5	1	11	1	41	160
Coundover	18	5	1	11	2	52	158
Market Drayton	18	0	4	17	1	32	111

Division 2							
	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P
Ellesmere	18	13	2	2	1	29	335
Montgomery	18	12	1	3	2	24	291
Shifnal	18	12	1	2	3	14	278
Lilleshall	18	9	1	6	2	38	249
Church Aston	18	7	3	6	2	49	217



Shrewsbury batsman Rob Foster driving down the ground for runs during his side's win over Kenilworth Wardens at London Road. Shrewsbury came out on top in the Birmingham League premier division clash, winning in the final over. ■ Pic: Richard Dawson.

Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton	18	7	1	8	2	51	213
Wellington	18	6	2	8	2	57	212
Ludlow	18	7	1	9	1	45	211
Wiley	18	6	2	7	3	57	210
Wheaton Aston	18	6	2	9	1	52	194
Bishops Castle	18	2	0	13	3	55	98
Shrewsbury	18	1	2	15	0	63	52

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P
Hinstock	18	13	0	2	3	21	318
Harpers	18	12	4	0	2	45	303
Calverhall	18	10	1	7	0	44	280
Iscoy & Fenns Bank	18	9	2	6	1	43	241
Preses	18	10	2	6	0	37	238
Acton Reynald	18	8	1	8	1	56	230
Chelmarsh	18	6	3	7	2	73	229
Church Stretton	18	8	0	9	1	36	210
Cae Glas	18	6	2	9	1	53	184
Much Wenlock	18	4	1	11	2	52	155
Overton-on-Dee	18	4	1	12	1	47	124
St Georges	18	3	1	14	0	44	99

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P
Bridgnorth	14	12	1	0	1	8	276
Trysell & Seisdon	14	12	0	2	0	7	255
Gulfisfield	15	8	1	5	1	32	213
Column	15	8	2	5	0	36	203
Harcourt	14	7	0	6	2	24	178
Corvedale	15	5	2	6	2	34	148
Quayside	15	3	1	10	1	43	122
Llanidloes	16	5	0	10	1	31	115
Coton Hall	15	3	2	10	0	39	106
Beacon	15	1	1	11	2	41	64

Div1 2ndXI

	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P
St Georges	17	12	1	2	2	15	285
Worfield	17	12	1	2	1	32	282
Sentinel	16	11	1	3	2	26	269
Frankton	16	8	0	8	0	36	200
Quatt	17	6	1	7	3	49	186
Alberbury	17	5	1	9	2	54	185
Shelton	16	7	0	8	1	29	185
Ludlow	16	6	0	9	3	34	174
Wem	16	5	1	9	1	57	170
Knockin & Kinnerley	16	3	1	10	2	59	131
Montgomery	16	2	0	12	2	54	106

Div2 2ndXI

	P	W	D	L	C/A	B	P
Beacon	18	11	1	5	1	22	262
Madley	18	8	2	5	3	52	254
Newtown	18	10	1	6	1	34	251
Quatt	18	9	2	6	2	30	227
Acton Reynald	18	9	0	8	1	31	226
Lilleshall	18	7	2	7	2	41	205
Wiley	18	7	2	8	1	46	204
Bomere Heath	18	6	2	8	2	50	184
Broseley	18	9	1	5	3	28	179
Ludlow	18	6	0	9	3	40	179
Allscott	18	3	2	12	1	76	162
Shifnal	18	4	1	10	3	42	120

Div3 2ndXI

Pontesbury	17	12	1	3	1	17	280
Forton	16	9	2	4	1	33	237
Aliscort	16	9	3	4	0	32	227
Ellesmere	16	9	0	4	3	23	222
Quatt	16	6	2	6	2	50	200
Welshpool	16	8	1	6	1	29	200
Iscoyd & Fenns Bank	17	7	2	7	1	36	194
Albrighton	15	6	3	6	0	51	186
Cae Glas	16	5	2	8	1	48	169
Llithall	16	4	2	9	1	51	151
St Georges	16	5	2	6	3	29	142
Condover	15	5	1	7	2	42	122
Much Wenlock	16	4	1	10	1	31	108

Shropshire golf returns

Bridge north

Stableford 6: 1 S Stadnik 33pts, 2 B Talloft 23pts. **Stableford 7 winner:** C Hull 34pts. **Stableford 8 winner:** J Foster 35pts. **Stableford 9:** 1 L Lawrence 43pts, 2 J Reade 42pts. **Medal 4 winner:** S Stadnik 108-28=80. **Medal 5:** 1 J Davies 91-15=76, 2 R Morgan 93-15=78. **Medals 6&7 Combined:** 1 J Reade 97-18=79, 2 S Overton 96-14=82. **Medals 8&9 Combined:** Silver A Grove 82-10=72; **Bronze:** S Stadnik 101-27=74, runner-up: A Hinton 88-13=75. **Medal 10 winner:** J R Foster 114-27=87. **Medal 11 – silver:** J Davies 87-16=71; **Bronze:** 1 J Jasper 95-28=67, 2 J R Foster 100-27=73. **Medal 12:** J Reade 87-16=71. **Edna Boud Brooch:** 1 A Hinton 35pts, 2 S Overton 33pts, 3 C Lees 33pts. **Gilbert Blundell Rosebowl:** 1 J Reade 90-18=72, 2 S Stadnik 102-28=74, 3 M Thompson 97-22=75. **Linda Marley Trophy:** 1 M Thompson 36pts, 2 S Jarman 36pts, 3 L Davis 34 pts. **Kay Ward Cup:** 1 85+75=160, 2 J Davies 76+84=160. **Foursomes Cup:** 1 J Davies & J Jasper 74.0, 2 M Radford & L Lawrence 76.5, 3 J Huxley & S Stadnik 76.5, V Catterall 36 Hole Handicap Trophy: 1 H White 73+76=149, 2 S Overton 72+78=150. N Howells 36 Hole Scratch Trophy: 1 H White 78+81=159, 2 S Overton 86+92=178. **Betty Day Cup:** 1 S Overton 40pts, 2 V Catterall 39pts, 3 J Reade 39pts. **Eleanor Turner Cup winner:** L Lawrence 43pts. **Macmillan Cancer Competition winner:** S Overton 40pts.

Henlie Park Cup: 1 Stuart Thornley 23pts, 2 Corey Morris 21pts, 3 Tony Evans 20pts. **Tuos:** Rae Jones (2nd), Tony Davies (2nd), Stu Heathcock (2nd), D S Jones (4th), Mike Holt (8th).

Llilleshall Hall Seniors' Open: 1 Trevor Smith, Cyril Nicholls (Hilltop) 49pts, 2 David Carr, Laurence McKenzie (Llilleshall Hall) 47pts; 3 Geoff Netherthorn, Mick Lovatt (Uttoxeter & Branston) 46pts; 4 John Cresswell, Will Schofield (Llilleshall Hall) 45pts.

Jubilee Cup: 1 K Parsons 41, 2 S Turnbull 40, 3 G Wallace 39. **Junior President's Putter:** 1 Finlay Preece 35, 2 J Webb 30. **Ladies' Am Am:** Pauline Hadfield, Sue Duffey, Trish Nash, Sue Woolaway (C & B) 104; 2 Margaret Riley, Mary Randon, Mave Mendus, Mal Cooper (Walmley) 103; 3 Margaret Cates, Beryl Baker, Paulette Morris, Val Holdall (Worfield) 103; 4 Jeanette Munford, Lyn Catterall, Linda Deeley, Angela Harrison (Walmley) 102.

Llanymynech Summer Stableford: 1 Jeff Johnson 43pts, 2 John Cookson 42pts, 3 Gary Evans 39pts, 4 Jim Logsdail 39 pts, 5 Huw Williams 39pts, 6 Ian Tomkewycz 39pts, 7 Phil Anderson 39pts, 8 Andrew Gittins 39pts. **Midweek 9 hole Stableford:** 1 Jeremy Dell 23pts, 2 Nick Clewlow 21pts, 3 Gary Evans 21pts, 4 Jack Bottomley 21pts, 5 Tom King 21pts. **Ladies' Barnes Bowl:** 1 Diana Chadwick 99-31=68, 2 Beverley Cadwallader 83-13=70, 3 Rachel Pritchard 80-10=70.

Oswestry Scratch Comp – division one: 1 Lee Anslow 65-1=64, 2 Kevin Edwards 70-6=64, 3 Dave Richards 69-4=65; **division two:** 1 Anthony Harrison 78-10=68, 2 David Parker 79-11=68, 3 Stuart Foulkes 80-12=68; **division three:** 1 Stephen R Jones 85-20=65, 2 Steven Chambers 93-25=68, 3 Steven Pierce 94-25=69. **Best gross:** Lee Anslow 65.

Shrewsbury Ladies' Medal – division one: 1 Shirley Watson 93-21=72, 2 Monica Scott 95-21=74, 3 Chris Nash 94-20=74, 4 Sandra Haw 98-23=75; **division two:** 1 Pam Morgan 101-31=70, 2 Alwena Edwards 99-27=72, 3 Helen Hooke 100-27=73; 4 Marion Adams 99-25=73. **Nine-hole Stableford qualifier:** 1 Ann Edgington 19pts, 2 Joan Cox 18pts, 3 Beth Breckon 18pts.

The Bow Club Championship – Scratch: Mike Clark 74+37=111, 2 Garry Gregory 82+43=125, Nett: 1 Trevor Williams 65+32=97, 2 Terry Brough 69+35=104.5.

Shropshire Cricket League fixture list

Saturday

Premier division: Frankton vs Madeley, Ludlow vs Wem, Oswestry vs Quatt, Sentinel vs Wern, Bomere Heath vs Worfield, St Georges (no game).

Division one: Forton vs Shelton, Albury vs Welshpool, Knockin & Kinnerley vs Pontesbury, Conderov vs Allscott Heath, Market Drayton vs Albrighton, Wroxeter and Uppington vs Beacon.

Division two: Willey vs Ellesmere, Ludlow 3 vs Montgomery, HPTCC vs Shifnal 3, Wellington 3 vs Wheaton Aston, Llilleshall vs Shrewsbury 3, Church Aston vs Bishop's Castle.

Division three: Cae Glas vs Harpers, Iscody and Fenns Bank vs Hinstock, Church Stretton vs Overton on Dee, Chelmarsh vs Much Wenlock, Prees vs St Georges 3, Calverhall vs Acton Reynald.

Division four: Trysull and Seisdon vs Guilsfield, Bridgnorth 3 vs Coton Hall, Harcourt vs Corvedale, Oswestry 3 vs Llanidloes, Column vs Bridgnorth 3, Quayside NG.

Second teams

Division one: Shelton 2 vs Frankton 2, Montgomery 2 vs Albury 2, Quatt 2 vs Knockin & Kinnerley 2, St Georges 2 vs Wem 2, Wem 2 vs Sentinel 2, Worfield 2 vs Wroxeter and Uppington 2.

Division two: Madeley 2 vs Willey 2, Round 2 vs Ludlow 2, Shifnal 4 vs Newtown 2, Allscott Heath 2 vs Bomere Heath 2, Wroxeter 2 vs Llilleshall 2, Beacon 2 vs Bomere Heath 2.

Division three: Ellesmere 2 vs Iscody and Fenns Bank 2, Much Wenlock 2 vs Market Drayton 2, Welshpool 2 vs Cae Glas 2, St Georges 4 vs Conderov 2, Pontesbury 2 vs Allscott Heath 3, Albrighton 2 vs Quatt 3, Bishop's Castle 2 vs Forton 2, Corvedale 2 vs Llilleshall 4.

Sunday

Division one: Sentinel 3 vs Wem 3, Llilleshall 3 vs Worfield 3, Newport 3 vs Knockin & Kinnerley 3, Round 3 vs Frankton 3, Shrewsbury 4 vs Pontesbury 3, Wellington 5 (no game).

Monty, Ellesmere march on at the top

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

WITH four games remaining, Montgomery stayed on course for runners-up spot in the Shropshire League division two after overcoming Bishop's Castle by four wickets in a tight finish.

Lowly Castle were restricted to 145-8 in 40 overs, before Monty reached their target with just three balls remaining to collect 24 points.

Castle opener Jonathan Price kept the Monty bowlers at bay with 56 and Jack Perry made 35, while Patrick Fletcher (4-31 off 11 overs) was the pick of the attack. Alex Bromley also bagged 3-52.

The promotion-chasers were made to work hard for the runs in reply, but got over the line in the last over thanks to 39 from Andrew Baker, while Rob Bennett chipped in with 26 and Alex Bromley 20 not out.

Leaders ELLESMERE moved a step closer to the second division title with a routine seven wicket success over Ludlow III to remain a commanding 44 points clear at the top.

Felix Ashley took 3-10 as Ludlow were sent back for a meagre 85, with Jean-Pierre Erasmus and George Duncan also each claiming two victims.

Skipper Jonathan Mitchell then struck 48, with nine fours and a six, to set up the victory for the Meresiders.

FRANKTON remain deep in basement trouble in the Shropshire League premier division after falling to a six wicket defeat away to Wem.

Electing to bat first, they laboured to 97 all out in the 39th over, Scott Hale showing the chief resistance with 25 as Rishav Das finished with 4-12.

Das then struck 37 in reply as Wem cruised to victory. Oliver Cooper finishing things off with an unbeaten 26 despite the efforts of Stuart Lammie who picked up 3-39.

It was a better day for Frankton's second string who stormed to an eight wicket win at home to Wem II in the 2nd XI League division one.

They bowled out their visitors for a meagre 66, Tom Cockayne snapping up 3-11, James Wgley 3-8 and Felix Jebb 3-25.

In reply, opener George Dickin struck an un-defeated 41 to see the Hardwick Park hosts to victory in just 10 overs.

WELSHPOOL continue to flirt with basement danger in the Shropshire League division one after being swept aside by nine wickets at home to Beacon.

Their batting crumbled for just 98 at Maesy-dre, despite 40 from Dale Evans as Mitch Lloyd picked up 6-30 and Jamie Martindale 3-31.

Opener Jamie Connell then struck a half century to see the Shrewsbury visitors to their modest target in 23 overs, with James Breese and Mat Sherwood taking the wickets to fall.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY stayed in touch with the leading pack in division one after sealing a 79-run triumph against Wroxeter & Uppington.

Jamie Birch top scored with 42 in a consistent batting display as Knockin were bowled out for 232 in the 45th over, Rhys Williams also making 37 and Josh Keys 33.

Dan storms home at a gallop



Dan Samuels was first home for Oswestry Olympians at the Gyrn Gallop

AN unseasonably stormy day added to the challenge for those competing in the Gyrn Gallop organised by Oswestry Olympians.

The race is approximately 10.6km with 350m of ascent across mixed terrain of country lanes, stony tracks and field, while a hairstown at the top of the Gyrn added to the challenge.

First male was Daniel Samuels, of Oswestry Olympians, and fellow Olympian Lou Williams led the way for the ladies.

Matty Collins was first junior male and second overall and

leading junior lady was Rhianon Tansley, both runners from Oswestry Olympians.

Results: 1, 44:40 Daniel Samuels Oswestry Olympians SM; 2, 45:53 Matthew Collins Oswestry Olympians MJ; 3, 46:42 David Alexander W. Cheshire M45; 4, 49:34 Lee Steadman u/a SM; 5, 50:31 Garry Jerman u/a M50; 6 52:06 Craig Nicolls u/a SM; 7, 52:49 Ian Jones Eyril Orientiers M50; 8, 53:12 John Snell Oswestry Olympians M55; 9, 53:46 Ian Hopkins Telford Athletics Club M50; 10, 54:03 Mark Jones u/a M50; 11, 54:49 Lee Williams Oswestry Olympians M40; 12, 54:54 Fred Aird Deestridders M55; 13, 55:16 Lou Williams Oswestry Olympians F35; 14, 55:51 Darrell Walsh Oswestry Olympians M40; 15, 56:10 Mark Pearson u/a M55; 16, 56:39 Ellie Robinson W. Cheshire F45; 17, 56:59 Peter Johnson Mercia Fell Runners M65m; 18, 57:10 Dave

Farrow Mercia Fell Runners M55; 19, 57:29 Sarah Cordingley Maldivyn Harriers F35; 20, 57:44 Peter Grimley u/a SM; 21, 58:04 Arren Roberts Oswestry Olympians M45; 22, 58:38 Paul Lewtley Deestridders M40; 23, 59:22 David Livesey u/a M60, 24, 59:48 Nige Parr Deestridders M45; 25 01:00:12 Christopher Garbett Oswestry Olympians M50, 26 01:01:58 Tania Brandon Oswestry Olympians F50, 27 01:03:06 Dave Gould Mercia Fell Runners M65; 28, 1:03:47 John Nugent u/a M45; 29, 1:03:53 Christine Cammiliare Deestridders SF; 30, 1:05:25 Neil Quinlan Vattenhall SM; 31, 1:06:11 Rhianon Tansley Oswestry Olympians FJ; 32, 1:07:12 Michael Whiteside Tattenhall M70; 33, 1:08:00 Tom Davies Croft Ambrey M65; 34, 1:08:26 Flora Gunner Croft Ambrey F55; 35, 1:08:49 Gary Gunner Croft Ambrey M70; 36, 1:10:31 Steve Jones Eyril M60; 37, 1:19:34 Cerys Williams u/a F50.

Williams stars again in Church vital win

Report by Dave Cooper

other step towards retaining the title after easing to an 8-2 (141-112) success at Flexys A.

They stand an imposing 13 points clear of second placed Llangollen A who are looking good for runners-up spot following their 10-0 (168-96) thrashing of visitors Chirk A.

Elsewhere, Johnstown A notched a 6-4 win away to Corwen A, taking the shots by four (151-147).

Llanrhaeadr A are looking good to clinch the Oswestry Bowling League second division title after their 7-3 (151-135) home success against Llangynog A.

Steve Jones (21-4) was again in impressive form - with his 18th win in 19 outings - while Ian Jones (21-9) was another good single figure winner.

With just three matches remaining, Llan are nine points clear at the top of the table from second placed Johnstown B and well on course for promotion back to the top flight.

Church B continued their push to safety with a 7-3 (151-118) home success over Ye Old Crofte A

who themselves are flirting with relegation danger.

Pete Adams (21-5) led the way for Church, while Paul Edwards and Gareth Parry both won to 15 for Crofte, with Parry notching his 16th victory of the season.

Basement side Ellesmere A slipped closer to relegation after their 8-2 (160-111) reverse at promotion chasing Johnstown B, John Harrison (21-7) and Sheila Mearthur (21-17) with the wins for the Meresiders.

Weston Rhyn A faltered further in their promotion pursuit after suffering an 8-2 (154-123) beating at third placed Criffins B.

Sue Taylor (21-12) provided some cheer along with Brian Oakley (21-16), while Robbie Hughes and Keith Miner both won to 11 for the Dudleston Heath side.

George succumbed 7-3 (148-128) at home to Johnstown D, with Carleton Leonard the best of the night for the hosts with a 21-13 win.

Elsewhere, Criffins C went down 6-4 (151-135) at Plas Kynaston A, their best performance coming from Denis Jones who won to 12.

Carpetmen wipe floor with sorry Oswestry

OSWESTRY'S chances of making a late promotion push in the Birmingham Cricket League division one one suffered a setback after crashing to an eight wicket defeat away to high-flying Kidderminster.

Opting to bat first after winning the toss, the Morda Road men were soon in trouble before collapsing to just 106 all out in the 31st over.

That modest target was quickly chased down by the Carpetmen's batsmen inside 16 overs, leaving the visitors with just one point on a disappointing afternoon.

After their recent run of success, Oswestry were little match for the Worcestershire league leaders who now look destined to return to the premier division at the first attempt with a 31 point lead at the summit.

Despite winning the toss, the Border men found themselves in dreadful trouble as Joe Carrasco, Xavier Clarke and brother Robbie, and Roman Walker all fell in quick succession.

Only Warrick Fynn (22) and Alex Ramsay (14) showed any real resistance against the Kidderminster attack, which included Worcestershire first team bowler Pat Brown.

Fynn fell lbw to paceman Liam Watson, and it was Watson who also ended Ramsay's innings with a run-out.

It was left to former first team skipper, and left arm spinner Mark Robinson - making his first appearance of the season and coming in at number 10 - to take the Oswestry total into three figures by top scoring with an undefeated 23.

Pick of the bowlers for the Carpet men were Watson, who bagged 3-24, and Clive Steele, with 3-25.

The home side had few alarms in reaching their target in just 15.4 overs to take maximum points and tighten their grip at the top.

OSWESTRY II remain third bottom in the Birmingham 2nd XI League 2nd XI division two north after suffering a 22-run defeat at home to Pellsall.

Batting first, Pellsall were bowled out for 200, but Oswestry fell short as they were sent back for 178 in reply, opener Josn Darley top scoring with 56.

Ifton produce goods to draw with Newport

IFTON held title chasing Newport to a 7-7 draw to consolidate their mid-table position in the Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowls League.

The St Martins side more than matched their rivals, winning the aggregate by nine shots (223-214), but Newport earned a share of the spoils courtesy of more games won.

Dicky Jones led way with Ifton's best result of the night when defeating Philip Emery 21-11, while Geraint Williams and Ian Matcalf both won to 13.

Martin Jones was a 21-14 victor, while Craig Griffiths prevailed 21-16 - his 16 win of the season.

It was nip and tuck throughout most games with Leighton Roberts and Dave Bond being edged out 21-20, and Ryan Bond losing to 19 and Darren Lacey to 18.

Ifton can take confidence from their performance as they prepare for another home encounter on Friday when they entertain Wem USC.

The draw means that Newport have lost pole position to Castlefields who boosted their title chances with an emphatic 12-2 (237-140) home success over Bylet.

With five matches remaining, Sir John Bayley saw their challenge falter after slipping to a 9-5 (222-203) loss at rock bottom Hammer.

Frida's fixtures: Bylet v Bowring, Chester Road v Sneyd, Hanwood v Wrockwade Wood, Ifton v Wem USC, Meloe Brace v St Georges, Newport v Hammer, Sir John Bayley v Castlefields.

New Saints outgunned in battle of the top two

AN Andy Owens strike sentenced The New Saints to a 1-0 defeat to JD Welsh Premier title rivals Connaught's Quay Nomads at the Dee-side Stadium.

The crunch clash between the top two sides of last season saw plenty of endeavour, but just one goal as Owens fired home two minutes into the second period.

The Saints pressed for a winner, but could find no way through as they suffered an early season reverse at one of their least favourite haunts.

Boss Scott Ruscoe made just one change from the side that lost to Danish side FC Midtjylland in the Europa League three days before, with Adrian Cieslewicz coming in for Jon Routledge.

They had to stand tall to deal with some early set plays as the Nomads started with plenty of intensity, while winger Michael Bakare rattled the woodwork with a 20-yard free kick.

The Saints were looking increasingly threatening, and forced a couple of skirmishes in the box, while Danny Redmond went close on 33 minutes when crashing a 25-yard volley just wide after picking up a loose ball.

Wirth no goals in the first half, it was all to play for, and the Nomads produced the decisive moment two minutes into the second period when Owens latched onto Danny Holmes' pass to smash the ball past Paul Harrison in goal.

Stung into action, TNS chased a swift riposte, but clear-cut chances were in short supply, although Cieslewicz fired over from six yards while Aeron Edwards' chip was glanced across the home goal.

Despite enjoying a good spell of possession, TNS continued to be frustrated by the Nomads who again proved to be troublesome opponents on their home surrounds.

Kurtis Byrne and Greg Draper both came off the bench to join Dean Ebbe up front in a bid for an equaliser, but the Saints could find no way through the resolute Nomads despite some late pressure.

New Saints start at home in IRN-BRU

THE New Saints have been handed a favourable tie at home to Queens Park in the second round of the IRN-BRU Cup.

Having been beaten semi-finalists for the last two seasons, the Saints will be chasing another run in the competition.

And they will be firm favourites against the Scottish League Two club when the tie is played on the weekend of 8-9 September.

Their visitors, the only fully amateur club in the Scottish League, are the oldest association football club in Scotland, having been founded in 1867. They play their home games at Hampden Park, which is also the home of the Scottish national team.

Queen's Park have won the Scottish Cup the third most times (10) of any club, behind Rangers and Celtic, although their last such win was in 1893.

Ladies off to a losing start

THE New Saints Ladies suffered a disappointing start to the season's FA Women's National League League division one (north) programme as they were downed 4-1 at Nettleham Ladies.

After returning home empty handed from their opening fixture in Lincolnshire, the team will be out to bounce back when they take on Bedford United ladies in their first home game on Sunday.

Glas pull up just short in run chase

CAE GLAS were left to reflect on the 'one that got away' as they had to settle for a losing draw in their Shropshire League division three clash at Acton Reynald.

Chasing the home side's 203 from 40 overs, the Glas were well placed to push for victory, but ended up on 185-4 at the close.

Reynald elected to bat first and were rewarded with a maiden first team 50 from youngster Will Evans who made an unbeaten 88 as the hosts posted 203 from their 40 overs.

Other contributors came from Will Evans senior, who made 39 in a century stand for the sixth wicket with his son, while John Gwilliam (22) and Adey Hudson (22) chipped in with useful contributions.

Gary Davies bowled 15 overs for the visitors in returning 2-67.

Needing five an over, the Cae Glas reply got off to a flier as Ian Holgate and Andy Griffiths crashed the ball to all parts of the ground as they raced to 60 off 11 overs. However, when Holgate was dismissed, the innings stuttered and a period when only nine runs were scored in eight overs took the momentum out of the reply.

With 88 on the board after 20 overs, although having wickets in hand, the run rate was creeping up.

When Pete Bowyer was out for 22 in the 28th over, 90 runs were still required and, despite an increase in the run rate, the visitors were not able to catch up with the rate as the innings closed on 185-4.

Andy Griffiths top scoring with 47 and Gary Davies unbeaten on 27 as Cae Glas took a losing draw in a game they will look back at and think they should really have won.

CAE GLAS II had a winning draw against St Georges IV to consolidate mid-table in the 2nd XI division three.

Opensers Andy Kemp (47) and Tim Turner (44) put them on course for a commendable 205-7 in 40 overs, Shaun Southern also weighing in with an unbeaten 38 late on.

St Georges were always on the back foot in reply, but managed a draw thanks to an unbeaten 53 from Mike Ross. Southern capped a good all round game by taking 3-35.

Euro adventure over for another season

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THE New Saints saw their European adventure come to an end after making a brave exit away to FC Midtjylland at the MCH Arena.

Trailing 2-0 from the first leg in Cardiff, the Welsh Premier champions faced a tough task in the return in Herning if they were to keep their flag flying in the Europa League.

They gave it a good go, but it was not to be as two second half goals from substitute Ayo Okosun sentenced Scott Ruscoe's men to a 3-1 defeat on the night - and 5-1 exit on aggregate.

Unchanged from the first leg, TNS made a positive start to the third qualifying round tie, but were stunned on 16 minutes as Midtjylland struck when Costa Rican Mayron George pounced with a neat finish.

But the Saints were proving a handful, and went close to an instant reply when Edwards rattled the post after being played in by Danny Redmond.

And they were handed a lifeline on 22 minutes when a defensive slip saw Irishman Dean Ebbe break through before coolly slotting past keeper Jesper Hansen - his fourth goal in Europe this term.

Buoyed by the reply, TNS scented a dramatic turnaround as they probed with intent, but the Danes were also proving a threat going forward before tightening their grip in the second half.

The hosts grabbed a crucial second goal on the night when sub Okosun made an instant impression on 62 minutes when poking in a loose ball in the goalmouth after Harrison had produced a fine save to keep out an initial header.

The Danes were now turning the screw, and sealed the tie 10 minutes from time when the ball was crossed in from the right for Okosun to head his second past Harrison.

The Saints continued to battle, but it was not to be as they went out of Europe with heads held high, with Midtjylland now going on to face Swedish champions FC Malmo in this week's play-off round.

It was the second defeat for TNS at the hands not the Danes in the Europa League, having gone out 8-3 on aggregate seven years ago.

"I thought we did really well in the first half, and when we were 1-1, we were in with a real chance," said goalscorer Ebbe.

"We kept believing, the boys put in a shift like they do in every single game, and never gave it.

"If we could have got a second goal, we could

Town get back in winning groove



Town's Josh Sumner finds space at a premium against Alsager at Park Hall. ■ Pic: Nick Evans-Jones.

AFTER tasting their first loss of the season, FC Oswestry Town got back on track in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one by defeating Alsager Town 4-3 at Park Hall.

Having been three goals up at half time, the scoreline was closer than it should have been for Town after the Cheshire visitors grabbed two replies in the dying moments of the game.

The home side, with Josh Sumner returning to bolster the midfield, went ahead early on through a headed own goal from Connor Ryan before Lewis Jarman added a second with a neat finish late in the half.

Sam Spridgeon turned to smash home a third right on

the interval, and Ed Moss then missed a penalty after the break when blazing over the bar.

Although Alsager pulled one back courtesy of Jack Edwards (70), the Oswestry side restored their three-goal cushion with a header from Owen Lloyd.

But the visitors were not finished, and struck twice through Ryan Goodwin in the dying moments to reduce the arrears.

ST MARTINS bagged their second win of the season when prevailing 2-1 at Stockport Town thanks to a stoppage time penalty from Shawn Melusi.

They had enough chances, particularly in the first half, to have been comfortably ahead before Melusi provided a cool finish to

settle the issue at the death.

After a goalless first half of spurned opportunities, the visitors were ahead through Karl Bailey on 64 minutes with Melsui providing the assist.

But that lead was quickly wiped out as Sajjad Elhassan levelled three minutes later with a penalty following a foul in the box.

The Saints continued to have their chances, and earned the spoils in injury time as Tom Ash was brought down and Melusi neatly dispatched the spot kick.

The misery continued for a youthful ELLESMERE RANGERS who are still seeking their first points of the season after slumping 4-0 at home to Wythenshawe Amateurs.

Promoted Llanrhaeadr maintain a flying start

NEW boys Llanrhaeadr made it back-to-back wins in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance with a tremendous 2-1 success away to Buckley Town.

Tipped by many for a swift return to the Mid Wales League, Llan again silenced the doubters with a hard-fought victory to follow their opening day win over Rhyl.

"It was a massive win for us, bigger than the one against Rhyl as we expect Buckley to be around us in the table this season," said chairman Mel Roberts.

Llan took the lead after 10 minutes when Khyam Wyton headed in a corner from Iain Edmunds, and the visitors doubled their advantage 10 minutes later with a 30-yard lob from player boss Marc Griffiths.

The home side pulled one back on 78 minutes with a well-taken finish from the edge of the box by Shaun Tinsley to set up a tense finish.

With the games coming thick and fast, Llanrhaeadr will not be resting old their laurels, but can take plenty of confidence from the start they have made.

GUILDSFIELD suffered their first loss of the Cymru Alliance campaign when going down 3-1 at home to title favourites Bangor City.

The Citizens led at the break thanks to an Andy Jones goal on 35 minutes and doubled their advantage through former TNS midfielder Robbie Parry on 67 minutes.

With 12 minutes to go, an own goal from Robbie James settled the issue when the defender was unfortunate to deflect the ball into his own net.

Guils kick off season with six of the best

IT was six of the best for Guilsfield reserves who launched their season in the Montgomeryshire League division one in emphatic fashion against Llanfair Reserves.

Harry Garthwaite fired a hat-trick and Danny Barton a brace as the visiting Guils ran out 6-1 victors, with John Lloyd completing the tally. Ashley Davies had Llanfair level before the floodgates opened.

Four Crosses reserves won their opening fixture in division two as they prevailed 2-1 away to Kerry reserves courtesy of goals from David Jones and Sam Mumford.

Results

Honda One: Llanfair Res 1 Guilsfield Res 6, Llanfyllin 2 Maesyrhandir 2, Meifod 0 Trenewn Utd 1, Caersws Res 0 Forden United 4.

Mitsubishi Two: Kerry Res 1 Four Crosses Res 2, Llanfechain 5 Llanwddyn 2, Llanymynech 5 Llanfyllin Res 1, Churchstoke Res 0 Newtown Wanderers 3, Welshpool Res 1 Abernule Res 5.

■ Louis Morris scored twice as Gobowen Celtic snatched a 2-1 win at Oakengates Rangers in their opening game of the Shropshire League premier division.

Llanfair leave it late but bag the three points

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term, made it three wins out of three with a 5-2 verdict against Abereron at the Recreation Ground.

Two penalties from Elliot Jones and further goals from Aled Jones, Mark Edmondson and Craig Harris secured a convincing win for the Bluebirds.

Llanidloes Town also continued their 100 per cent record with a 3-1 win over newly promoted Builth Wells in their first home outing. The Daffs made the ideal start by taking a seventh minute lead when Connor Bird met Gregg Brown's inviting cross with a superb header.

That advantage was doubled eight minutes into the second half through Dewi Allen following a goalmouth scramble. George Clarke made it three when latching onto a pass by Drew Reynolds before Builth pulled back a consolation through Mark Jones.

Despite taking the lead, Knighton Town's wretched start to the

season continued as they slumped 7-1 at home to Carno.

Joe Morris and Harry Vince-Holt both scored twice for the visitors with Richie Evans, Daniel Lewis and Kieran Beaton were also on target. Kerry failed to halt Llandrindod Wells' early charge as they suffered a 4-0 loss to the in-form Wellmen whose Robert Nicholls netted a hat-trick.

In division two, Four Crosses continued their creditable start after overcoming Brecon Northcote 3-2 to move top of the table with three straight wins.

Goals from Gareth Jones and Jamie Evans kept the Foxen Manor men in the hunt before Kyle Wilson fired a deflected winner late on.

Luke Evans scored four times as Waterloo Rovers thumped Prestiegne 6-0, Charlie Proctor and Kieran Owen with the others, while Montgomery also scored six against early strugglers Newbridge. Dyffryn Banw finished 1-1 at home to Borth United, while Hay St Mary's were 3-0 winners at Machynlleth through Jack Biggs, Brendan Hackett and an own goal.

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Shropshire victory at Oswestry

DELIGHTED chairman of selectors Bryan Jones praised Shropshire's fight-back after they secured a six-wicket win over Wales.

The visitors seemed in control at the start of the third and final day at Oswestry, but Shropshire were able to turn the game around and keep their Western Division title hopes alive.

Shropshire, who remain second in the table, are now 15 points behind leaders Berkshire going into their final match of the season, against Devon at Bridgnorth, which starts on September 2.

Berkshire maintained their 100 per cent record with a victory at Cheshire.

Jones said: "Our target still is to win five out of six and if you get beaten by a side that wins six out of six, fair play. It's going to take a bit of doing, but at least we've done everything we can."

He added: "We're absolutely delighted with the win. It's brilliant from where we were with Wales making 421 on the first day.

"They got away and played very well and we were up against it a bit, but we batted really well, Jack Twigger and Joe Carrasco in particular, and everybody chipped in. We got close enough to stay in the game.

"The third innings in a match is always very important and Warrick Fynn's performed very well. He's had another great game.

"Joe's held us together well and we're delighted to come back from the position we were in. To bowl them out and then knock them off pretty comprehensively was brilliant.

"It's how we've been playing really. We've gone after it as we needed to get the win.

"It's been another good all-round performance, captained well by the captain.

"It keeps us in the hunt just about, but Berkshire won well, so credit to them.

"They won a game they looked like they may have lost."

Saints boss satisfied by start to season

ST MARTINS manager Dan Stevens has praised his side's early efforts since stepping up to the North West Counties League division one (south).

Promoted to the league this term, the Saints have won two of their first four outings after last weekend's 2-1 success away to Stockport Town.

An injury time penalty from Shawn Melusi clinched the victory although the Saints should have wrapped up the points long before after spurning a string of golden opportunities.

"We would have settled for winning two of our first four games, but we should really have more points than we have," said Stevens.

"It would have been a travesty had we not won on Saturday as we dominated. But it has been a pleasing start, and we don't look like conceding many goals."

New Saints looking to bounce back

THE New Saints will look to shrug off an early setback in their defence of the JD Welsh Premier title when they host Carmarthen Town at Park Hall on Saturday (2.30).

After sweeping aside Barry Town United 5-1 in their opening league fixture, the defending champions were downed 1-0 at one of their chief rivals Connah's Quay Nomads last Sunday.

It was a tough afternoon for the Saints, who had only just returned from their Europa League trek to Danish side FC Midtjylland two days before.

A goal a minute into the second half from Andy Owens proved enough to separate the sides in a

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hard fought, but often scrappy affair.

"It's disappointing, but we will dust ourselves off, and be ready to go again on Saturday," said manager Scott Ruscoe.

"People will point to the fact that we'd just come back from playing in Denmark in the Europa League.

"It's not ideal, it suited Connah's Quay, but it is what it is. We have to get on with it, and there are no excuses."

He added: "I did not think we played that well."

It was not a pretty game, but it never is when you go there.

"They are a big, physical side, who play very direct and rely on set plays. I thought we stood up to them well in the first half, so it was frustrating to concede a sloppy goal 80 seconds into the second half.

"We did okay. We huffed and puffed after that, but we've got to be better in the one v one situations,

"I've got no complaints about the result, but I have complaints that we had a perfectly legitimate goal from Greg Draper disallowed for off-side."

CRICKETERS IN KEY WEEKEND

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY'S cricketers are gearing up for a big Bank Holiday weekend as they attempt to revive any chance of promotion in the Birmingham League division one.

After suffering an emphatic eight wicket loss to high riding Kidderminster, the Morda Road men have plenty to do if they hope to stay in the chase for a place in the top flight next season.

With just five games remaining, Robbie Clarke's men have now slipped to sixth in the table - and lie 27 points adrift of second placed Shifnal.

And their hopes of closing the gap could rest on how they fare in the two games over the Bank Holiday, with a trip to lowly Brockhampton on Saturday followed by a home tussle against county rivals Bridgnorth on the Monday (both starting at 12noon).

Captain Robbie Clarke will be looking for an improved performance from his team against a Brockhampton side who, lying second bottom, are in real threat of relegation.

After Saturday's trip to Herefordshire, Oswestry will entertain old rivals Bridgnorth on Bank Holiday Monday during which the club will be holding its annual President's Day at Morda Road.

"Two games in three days is a big ask, but if we can get 40 points from them, then we're right back in there," said chairman Chris Wiseman.

"The table's still very tight and even if we don't get promotion, it would be good for the club to finish there or thereabouts."

He added: "It was very disappointing the way we lost to Kidderminster last weekend. They are a good side, but we had a strong team out ourselves, and we would have hoped to have got more from the game.

"We lost key wickets early on."

Caro is called up by Wales



Local hockey player Caro Hulme has been called up to the Wales senior women's squad

FORMER Ellesmere College student Caro Hulme has been named in the Wales senior women's hockey squad for round one of the FIH Open Series in Vilnius.

Her selection to compete in the Lithuanian capital follows two months of vigorous training.

Oswestry-born Hulme, who plays in midfield,

was a member of the Wales team that returned from Poznan earlier this month following a 3-0 Test series win over Poland.

Wales are playing Turkey tomorrow, Ukraine the following day and the Czech Republic on Saturday before taking on the home nation Lithuania on Sunday.

Dream start but Llan not carried away

IT'S been a stunning start to the season for Llanrhaeadr who have picked up maximum points from their opening two fixtures in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Promoted from the Mid Wales League, Llan have made a mockery of their pre-season tag of relegation favourites by defeating Rhyl on the opening day, and then Buckley Town 2-1 last Saturday courtesy of goals from Khyam Wyton and Marc Griffiths.

"It was a huge win, even bigger than the one against Rhyl as we expect Buckley to be around us in the table this season," said delighted chairman Mel Roberts.

"Like Rhyl, it was a superb performance, every player giving everything and the defence was again outstanding.

"To get six points from our first two games is beyond our wildest expectations. But we are not getting carried away as it's such a tough league."

The win at Buckley was secured without top scorer Iwan Matthews who expected to return to duty for the midweek clash at home to Airbus Broughton.

That game is followed by a trip to Anglesey on Saturday when Holyhead Hotspur are the hosts.

GUILDFIELD face a busy spell of games when they visited Penrhyncoch on Tuesday before hosting Gresford Athletic on Friday night (7.45).

The villagers then head to Welsh Premier side Bala Town in the first round of the Nathaniel MG Cup the following Tuesday.

Boss Nathan Leonard will look to bounce back from last weekend's 3-1 loss against Bangor City at Clos Mytton.

"Bangor are a very good side, particularly in midfield and going forward, and scored at key times," he said. "We were in the game for long periods, but needed to show a bit more belief."

Keeper Mike Jones made his debut after joining from Gresford Athletic.

COBRA and Pool back for finals day

THERE will be plenty at stake in this weekend's curtain raiser to the new Mid Wales rugby season as local clubs chase some early silverware.

Welshpool take on Builth Wells II in the weather-delayed final of the Cambrian Training Mid Wales Shield at Llanidloes on Saturday (1pm).

This encounter will then be followed by the final of the Cambrian Mid Wales Cup between COBRA and hosts Llanidloes (3pm).

The Meifod men warmed up for the final with a good workout in earning a 12-12 draw away to Bala in a friendly.

The North Wales League division two gets under way the following week, with COBRA visiting Powys rivals Newtown and Welshpool at home to Teirw Nant from the Conwy Valley. All games kick off at 2.30pm.



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